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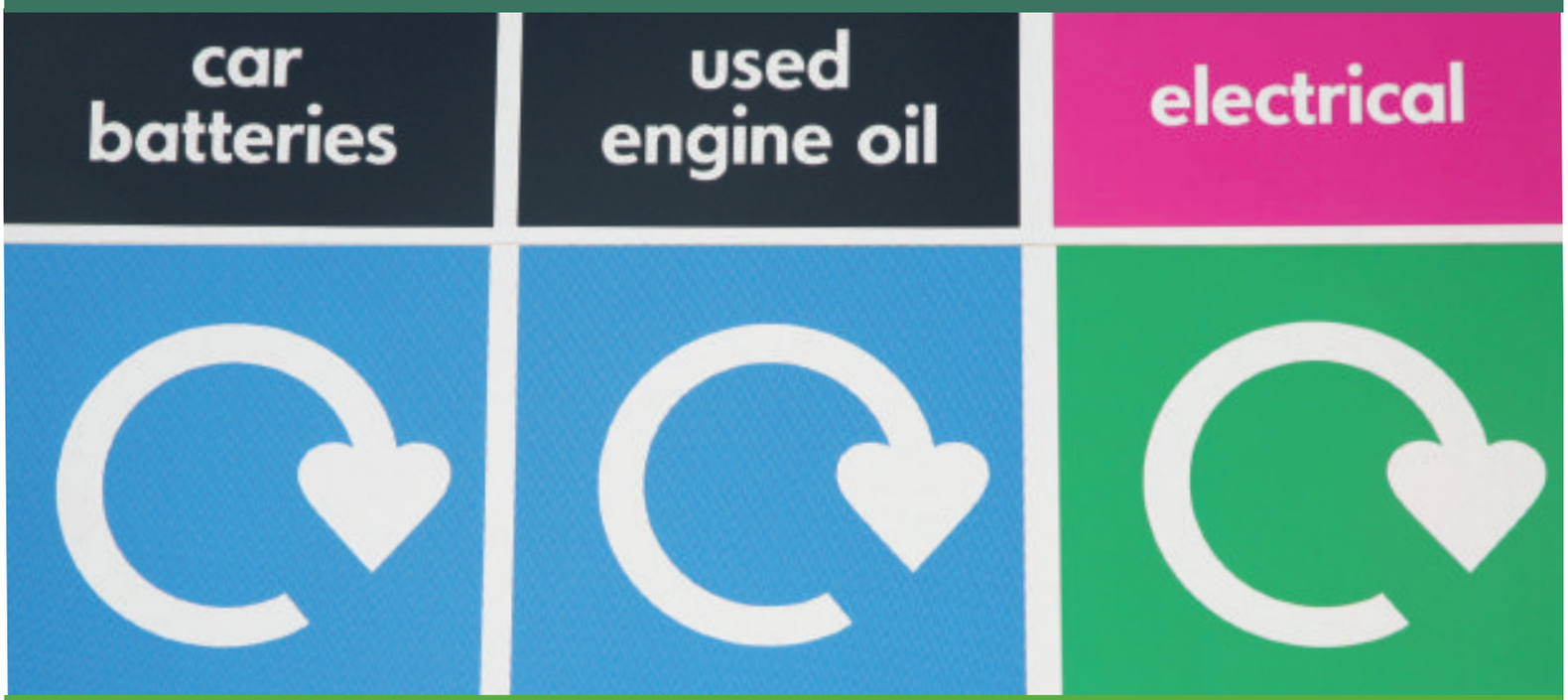

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At the scene: Police in Lichfield Down in Walnut Tree in September

Off-duty cop found man lying in blood

BY ADAM GRINSELL

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AN OFF-duty police officer was confronted with a murder scene after hearing someone shout 'help me I have been stabbed' a jury heard yesterday.

Stephen Green was first on the scene in Lichfield Down, Walnut Tree, on September 5 last year. After jumping over a garden fence he saw 33-year-old David Law *(pictured inset)* lying in a pool of blood with a man alongside him, Luton Crown Court was told.

Suresh Nahar, 32, is on trial after pleading not guilty to the murder of Mr Law, who had been stabbed nine times in the back garden of his home and later died in hospital.

Mr Green told the jury he had been using the bathroom at a house in Meadowsweet when he heard a voice outside say 'what have you done?' As he dialled 999 he said he heard the voice saying he had been stabbed.

He went to the foot of his sister-in-law's garden and pulled himself up to the top of the fence and looked over.

He said: "I could see two human shapes. Again the victim was saying 'what have you done?' He was lying on the floor and hunched over him was another man. The first voice was moaning. The second voice was saying 'you have abused my family for years. You are finished.'

"I shouted 'I am a police officer what's going on?' I got no reaction whatsoever. I made the decision to go over the fence and approached them.

"As I got within two feet I could see pools of blood on the paved area. The guy who was crouching went to get up. I put my hand on his shoulder and knee in his back and said 'just stay there'. I could see blood on his beard and the left side of his face.

"The pair were still talking. It was the remnants of an argument. The crouching man said 'you have abused my family because you are white and I am not'. The man on the ground was still conscious and was talking in short sentences saying 'what have you done? We used to be friends'."

Mr Nahar, of Gurnards Avenue, Fishermead, was arrested at the scene and told officers 'he came at me with a knife'. Prosecutor Ann Evans said the men had worked together at Buckingham Foods and that Mr Law, his close friend Paul Greeves and the defendant were all cannabis users.

Mr Law and Mr Greeves would buy cannabis from the defendant who, according to Mr Greeves, visited him at his house a couple of times.

Mrs Evans said two knives were recovered - one with Mr Law's blood on the blade and handle, and one with Mr Nahar's blood on the blade.

The prosecutor said: "You may be left in little doubt that it was Mr Nahar who caused the death of Mr Law. The crown anticipates the central focus during the course of this trial will be whether what Mr Nahar did was in self defence."

The trial continues.

New calls to hand Turing a pardon

A CITY MP has called for a debate in the House of Commons to grant Alan Turing a pardon.

Iain Stewart, MP for Milton Keynes South, requested on Thursday that Mr Turing be pardoned.

He asked: "To consider whether it would be appropriate to grant him pardon for the so-called crime of which he was convicted."

Mr Turing was a key figure at Bletchley Park during the Second World War and led the team which eventually cracked the Enigma code.

In 1952 he was prosecuted for homosexual acts and agreed to undergo a course of oestrogen injections or chemical castration as an alternative to jail.

Former Prime Minister Gordon Brown formally apologised to Mr Turing's family in 2009 but an online petition calling for the government to clear his name has sparked pleas for this to be taken a step further.

Despite receiving backing from several influential figures the issue is still one of contention.

In response to Mr Stewart's request Sir George Young, MP for North West Hampshire, said: "I am not sure that there is a case for pardon.

"That could only happen if fresh evidence came to light to show that the conviction should not have taken place."

The possible pardoning of Mr Turing was also due to be discussed at last night's council meeting where Councillor Norman Miles' motion to call on the Government to go a step forward and award a pardon was to be heard.

The motion expressed disappointment that the Government's first reaction to correcting injustice is to resist.

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Woman raped after night out in the city

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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WOMEN in the city fear for their safety after a 32-year-old reported she was raped as she headed home after an evening out in Central Milton Keynes on Saturday.

The victim was walking from Xscape towards Fishermead looking for a taxi to take her home between 3.30am and 4am.

A car stopped and the woman, thinking it was a cab, got into the front passenger seat.

The driver took her to a place she thought was a car park in an industrial unit in Linford Wood and raped her.

He then drove her to an area near her address and she went home.

Women in Milton Keynes have expressed concerns about safety since news of the incident broke.

Jane Crimpton, 21, from Simpson, always pre-books her taxis when she's travelling during the day but worries that she might not be cautious when she's been drinking.

She said: "It's really worrying to hear about something like this because you just take it for granted that a taxi will get you home safely.

"I use taxis on a daily basis and I always use the same firm but I can't guarantee that I'd do this on a night out, you just don't know what you'd do when you've had one too many."

And it's not just their own safety residents are concerned about, Sally Prestwich, 49, from Great Holm is a mother of three girls and this attack has prompted her to start picking up her daughters after nights out.

She said: "One of my daughters has just turned 18 and I already worry about her because she has only just started going out on nights out and so isn't street smart.

"Going out and having fun should be an enjoyable experience and all my daughters should make the most of being young but this makes me really fret."

The offender is described as a light-skinned Asian man, with stubble and dark hair. He spoke clear English with a slight accent.

Police are now looking at CCTV from the area in which the woman was picked up.

Det Insp Nick Glister, overseeing the investigation, said: "While we do not want to cause alarm, we think it would be prudent for people to take extra care and remain vigilant when out and about in the city centre at night.

"We are keen to hear from anyone who saw any suspicious activity or anyone matching the man's description in the area."

Anyone who has any information should call the police on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Presentation: Oakgrove School pupils Synthia Mpase, Malika Ahmed, Zophia Francis and Joe Solomon present a cheque from their charity auction to Marie Collins (MKMS Branch)

£1k from threatened auction

A SCHOOL'S charity auction that was at risk of being cancelled eventually raised more than £1,000.

Pupils at Oakgrove School arranged the event in aid of the Multiple Sclerosis Society as two students' families are affected by the condition.

Last month they made an appeal through MK NEWS, as just two weeks before the event only 50 of 300 tickets had been sold and cancellation was a real possibility. But after the appeal the auction went ahead on February 29, and generous bidders helped to raise £1,135.70.

Fourteen-year-old Zophia Francis, whose mum has MS and was one of the organisers, said: "We would just like to say thank you for the donations, and without the people who came on the night we wouldn't have been able to do it. The charity was definitely pleased with the amount we raised."

Lots sold on the night included a signed photo of Ryan Giggs, men's and women's Fossil watches and tickets to LegoLand and Disney on Ice, which the students sourced from local companies.

Council probes car use

AN INVESTIGATION is underway at Milton Keynes Council into alleged personal use of the authority's vehicles.

But it would not confirm or deny who is being investigated, or even whether any specific individuals are under investigation until 'any disciplinary processes are concluded'.

In 2011, the cost to the authority of hiring 45 cars reached £38,090, two of which exceeded a 12 month period.

The investigation by the council's internal audit team is now looking into whether any of these cars hired by the authority have been used for anything other than work purposes.

A statement released by the council reads: "The council's internal audit team is investigating aspects of the operation of the council's fleet vehicle service, including alleged personal use of council vehicles.

"This investigation is ongoing.

"Urgent steps are being taken to regularise the arrangements and ensure that the service operates on a sound footing for the future."

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Cabaret bar set for a big move

A POPULAR city centre nightspot will close its doors for the final time on Saturday - before it reopens at a bigger venue at the end of the summer.

Having only opened in May, The Greene Room in the Theatre District is making the move to cater for larger numbers of people, and attract bigger acts.

The new location of the cabaret bar is set to be announced within the next few days, and is expected to be opened at the beginning of September at the latest.

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Water shortage brings hose use ban

FOR the first time in more than 20 years Anglian Water has imposed a hosepipe ban which will be introduced from April 5.

This step is being taken to combat the effects of an increasingly severe drought, following the driest 18 month period in more than a century.

Anglian Water is one of seven companies in southern and eastern England to announce a hosepipe ban on domestic customers.

Peter Simpson, managing director, said: "We believe this is the most sensible and responsible action to take to help safeguard customer supplies for this year, next year and beyond.

"We are doing our bit too; millions of pounds are being spent to secure water supplies in the region and we are working with neighbouring water companies to help keep them secure across the wider South East and East."

Under the terms of the ban, there will be a small number of exemptions to protect jobs and livelihoods and the infirm.

People can still water their gardens if they use a watering can, not a hose, and can still clean their cars, provided they use a bucket.

Mr Simpson added: "This is one of those times when everyone needs to pull together and help save water.

"We are not telling people to stop doing what they have to, but to adapt their behaviour to reflect the severity of the situation. The message is – do what you can."

People have until April 5 to contact Anglian Water to suggest what exemptions if any, are appropriate.

At present, the ban will only apply to domestic use of hosepipes for some businesses while other commercial operations are not affected. However, Anglian Water is urging its non-domestic customers to use water sparingly.

Jim is out to fill the empty homes

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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At work: Jim Murray outside an empty house on Fishermead

A ONE man crusade is being waged to find owners of empty properties.

Hundreds of people in the city are without somewhere to live while up to 2,000 homes lay vacant.

Some of the facilities have been described as "problematic" attracting vandalism, anti-social behaviour, or are beginning to make the neighbourhood look untidy.

Now MKC has unleashed officer Jim Murray to track down those who own them and offer advice on how they can bring them back into use.

As an extreme measure the council has powers to take over the running of a house and pay for any repairs and maintenance, which can then be recouped through rent.

Jim explained that sometimes the simplest methods of tracking down owners are the easiest.

"Quite simply, talking with the neighbours often brings the best results," he said. "I hear some interesting things, such as 'oh, he's gone to live in America' or, just as intriguingly, 'yes, he lives just down the road'.

"In the worst cases, empty houses attract vandals, squatters, drug users, or even arsonists. The gardens are often used for fly-tipping and dumping of waste."

The council can then assist home owners to bring their property back into use, either with advice and guidance, or with a loan to help them with repairs and maintenance.

In the worst cases, where owners may be uncooperative, MKC can use an Empty Dwelling Management Order to take over the running of the property.

Jim has been seconded from his previous role in the environmental health department, and has several theories why people allow properties to become empty.

"Often there has been an unfortunate end to a relationship," he said, "or sadly one of the partners has died and a house simply holds too many unpleasant memories for the remaining person.

"Other people may have been left properties in wills, and they simply don't know what to do with them."

The council has around 1,000 enquiries per month asking for housing support or guidance while some 370 people are in urgent need of housing and waiting for an offer on a property at any one time.

Anyone with information about an empty home should contact Jim directly on 01908 252376 or e-mail him at jim.murray@milton-keynes.gov.uk.

New amphitheatre will attract high-profile acts

A MUCH-LOVED and well used outdoor amphitheatre is set to get a facelift over the coming months.

The Parks Trust, which owns the open air venue in Campbell Park, has been granted planning permission for improvements.

Construction will now start on the new amphitheatre on Monday and should take just over two months.

Briony Serginson, head of community engagement at the trust, said: "We're very excited to have got planning permission for these improvements as they will allow us to encourage a wider variety of outdoor events and attract more high-profile performers and performances to Campbell Park."

The existing stage will be removed and a new, larger oval stage will be installed."

This will have a permanent canopy overhead to shield performers and their equipment from rain and sun. The plans also include creating a gabion wall behind the stage to provide screening and direct sound toward the audience.

This will be hand filled with locally-sourced natural stone, and the back of it will eventually be covered in climbing plants including hydrangea, roses and winter flowering jasmine.

The existing low fencing and hedge at the top of the amphitheatre will also be extended in order to keep sheep from grazing on the terraced grass seating area.

Briony added: "A key benefit of the improvements is that we will be able to move virtually all music events from the events plateau, where the funfair is located, down into the amphitheatre where we can better contain any noise.

"The plateau will then be freed up for event car parking so fewer cars will be parked in residential areas."

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How about money for other areas in need?

SIR - I have been a resident in Milton Keynes for 39 years and I would like to give my point of view on the Lottery funding for Conniborrow ('Lottery's £1m is 'huge opportunity' for estate', MK NEWS, February 29).

Firstly, it is a fantastic opportunity for the residents of Conniborrow to get the help they need for their estate.

I was brought up in the Beanhill and Fishermead areas.

I had to visit Fishermead to take a friend to the dental surgery and when I entered the estate I almost cried because of how disgraceful it has become.

I took a drive around and saw broken and boarded up windows, broken down cars and rubbish outside people's homes.

It really upset me as when I lived there it was a lovely place.

Beanhill doesn't seem to be in this kind of state and I can see where it has improved - the shopping area has been done up and the community hall has been turned into to a Sure Start centre.

I also noticed the front of some of the tin houses have been painted, which actually makes a massive difference.

I believe Neverfield could do with some funding and I believe Tinkersbridge could do with some money, too.

So in my opinion, as well as Conniborrow needing funding for certain things, let's not forget the other deprived areas in Milton Keynes and give them some money, too.

How about sharing the money out and clearing up some of the other estates too?

And then let's start encouraging the residents to start respecting their communities.

Name and address supplied

Go along to meeting to give your views on NHS

SIR - Reforms in the NHS are nothing new to the Tories, so we should not be surprised that our two local MPs fully support their party's policy (Letters, MK NEWS, March 7).

The previous Tory government also implemented NHS reforms when they created an internal market whereby 'purchasers' (health authorities and GPs) were given budgets to buy health care from 'providers' (health organisations).

The so-called providers became the bureaucratic NHS trusts that we have today.

So the increase in bureaucracy within the NHS that the Government now complains of has been a direct result of the last Tory government's reforms.

One has to wonder, therefore, why giving GPs an even bigger slice of our cash is going to reduce bureaucracy, unless it is the Government's intention to have the remaining NHS trusts converted into independent businesses.

If this is not privatisation then what is?

The truth is that under this health reform bill there is absolutely nothing to stop all NHS services being taken over by private providers and we all know that will mean profit before patients.

To say the public will have more choice is misleading.

On Wednesday, March 21 a meeting is taking place to discuss these reforms at Christ the Cornerstone Church in Saxon Gate West, Milton Keynes, at 7pm.

I urge all those who want to keep our NHS free at the point of need to attend and show their support.

Perhaps our MPs would care to show their faces too.

Bill Green
Windsor Street
Wolverton

Open letter on health reforms needs you

SIR - More than 160,000 people have now signed the national petition calling on the Government to drop its health bill.

Nurses, doctors, health care professionals, patient groups - there is almost universal opposition to the Tory-led Government's plans. But we need to do more to keep up the pressure on our local MPs in Milton Keynes.

Please join me and add your name to the open letter to our two Conservative MPs in Milton Keynes and urge them to think again on their flawed plans for the NHS.

Thanks to everyone who has signed so far.

The Government's Health and Social Care Bill would force a free market free-for-all on our local health service.

It will divert millions away from patient care at time when pressure on local resources is greater than it has ever been.

Andrew Pakes
Labour & Co-operative Parliamentary Spokesman for Milton Keynes

Market must stay as a magnet for shoppers

SIR - First of all may I praise the excellent sculpture exhibition near John Lewis in thecentre:mk.

However, I would like to respond to your recent articles about the changes at the shopping centre that may affect the area where the market currently stands and part of Secklow Gate bridge.

Firstly, the bridge is an essential link from the north to the south of the city and vice versa. It is also an iconic and unique part of Milton Keynes with cars rising up above the shops and being reflected in the glass of the centre.

To squeeze all the traffic through the congested Saxon Street junctions or around the minor link road at the end of the centre would be a truly backward step.

Secondly, the market is central to the diversity of the shopping experience and offers colour and continual change.

It is a magnet for shoppers looking for bargains and encourages the small entrepreneur.

It is important the market retains its central position so it can attract as many passers-by as possible.

The general platitudes that have been given as justification for these changes can be fulfilled in many other ways. Clearly there is more money in retail space than in access routes or market stalls and I fear this may be at the heart of the proposals.

I feel this step would be a catastrophic change to the unique shopping centre and I have not spoken to a single resident who is in favour.

Julian Vischer
Gibsons Green
Heelands

Road repairs seem to be taking a long time

SIR - It would be interesting to know if the pothole mentioned in your article last week (£26k for pothole pensioner mishap) had been reported to Milton Keynes Council and if so when and if even now it has been repaired.

Some of these repairs are taking months or years to get done.

On a similar vein the work at Station Square seems to be taking forever to achieve a relatively small change.

They are not exactly building the Empire State Building. To say nothing of the paving in the city centre.

Norman Dennis
Sent by e-mail

Three years? Let's bring our troops home now

SIR- Enough is enough. As we reach the sad milestone of 400 British troops having died in Afghanistan, it is now time to issue another call to our Conservative/Lib Dem Government to bring our troops home.

The Afghanistan war is now costing us £5 billion a year.

With the draconian Government cuts, this is money that could be better used in maintaining our NHS, Education, Police, Transport and Social Services in Milton Keynes.

Little has been achieved. Thousands of Afghan civilians have been killed and now 404 British soldiers have lost their lives.

Over 60 per cent of the British public want our troops home.

The Coalition Government must break with the old war mongering policies of George Bush and Tony Blair.

David Cameron tells us that British troops will stay in Afghanistan for another three years.

Why? This means that another £15 billion pounds will be squandered on this unwinnable war and hundreds more British soldiers and thousands more Afghan civilians will lose their lives.

Let's tell the Government that this must stop.

Let's also write to our Milton Keynes MPs to demand that our troops be brought home as soon as possible.

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Warren comes to Larry's rescue. . .

Good Samaritan: Warren O'Sullivan gives his time to help clear up the mess left behind by fleeing builders

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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THE community have rallied round a distraught pensioner who was left in the lurch by builders.

As reported in MK NEWS last week, Bespoke Building Services, based in Fenny Stratford, left several homeowners out of pocket after it was claimed that the company departed without finishing work.

Because 65-year-old Larry Pullen, from Bradwell, contacted MK NEWS he says he was told by Bespoke that they would not complete the work.

But all hope was not lost for Mr Pullen after we spoke to other building firms in the area to see if they could lend a helping hand.

Warren O'Sullivan, a self-employed builder who is currently out of work, kindly offered his time to finish work on Mr Pullen's house .

He said: "I lost my mum five years ago and now I take a different approach to life and try to help people where I can.

"I struggle to find work these days because people don't trust builders but we're not a bad bunch really."

And Mr O'Sullivan is not the only person who has proven to be a Good Samaritan.

Building supplier Jewson, in Wolverton, has said that it will donate any materials that it can and deliver them free of charge. Manager Garry Pare said: "We are part of the community and we don't like to see people let down off so we want to help as much as we can."

Mr Pullen paid Bespoke £8,150 for a wetroom and extension on his house but says the work hasn't been finished and has found the whole experience very stressful.

He said: "My blood pressure has gone through the roof and I've been put on medication for the stress.

"We are so grateful for everyone's help, thanks to MK NEWS there's a light at the end of the tunnel."

Bespoke were not available for comment.

MKNEWS BRIEFS

Theme park's recruitment day

A CITY theme park held a huge recruitment drive on Saturday in an attempt to fill 160 posts.

Gulliver's Land, in Newlands, opened its doors to jobseekers at 10.30am to try to fill posts in retail, catering, ride operation and cleaning.

Boy, 14, injured in attack

A 14-YEAR-OLD boy had his arm broken in an attack in Newport Pagnell last Wednesday.

At around 6pm he was riding down Wordsworth Avenue on his scooter when he was pushed off by another boy.

The attacker then punched him in the face and ran off down Wordsworth Avenue.

The offender is white, aged around 16, tall with a lanky build and short brown hair. Anyone with information should call 101.

Comment on transport future

THOSE wanting to have their say on the future of the city's transport network are being reminded to take part in Milton Keynes Council's Transport Vision and Strategy consultation.

Comments on the strategy, which outlines transport plans until 2031, are being accepted until March 23. Either pick up a copy at any library, call 01908 252510, e-mail transport.strategy @milton-keynes.gov.uk or visit www.miltonkeynes.gov.uk/transport-strategy.

Landlord guilty of fire safety breaches

THE landlord and registered owner of a house where a mother and her three-year-old daughter died in a fire in 2010 has pleaded guilty to three counts of breaching fire safety regulations.

Lookman Adeyemi, of Buckfast Avenue, Bletchley, owned the house in Fishermead Boulevard where Bola Ejifunmilayo, 29, and daughter Fiyin were killed.

He appeared before Justice Lord Parmoor at Amersham Law Courts on Thursday to plead guilty to placing people at risk of death or serious injury in case of fire for three reasons.

Firstly, he failed to make a suitable and sufficient assessment of risk.

He also failed to ensure that, in the event of danger, it was possible for people to evacuate the premises as quickly and as safely as possible.

Finally, there were insufficient fire detectors and alarms at the premises. His plea of not guilty to a fourth count, that there was inadequate emergency lighting in the premises, was accepted.

Adeyemi, who was given unconditional bail, will now be sentenced on March 29.

The case against him was brought by Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority following the fire on September 5, 2010.

Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service group manager Chris Bailey said: "We are very pleased with the outcome.

"We look forward with interest to the judge's sentencing remarks.

"The judge made it clear to the defendant that he could not rule out a custodial sentence."

Currently Barbara Zhanje is serving a 12-year jail sentence for manslaughter and arson, being reckless as to whether anyone's life would be endangered.

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Man robs to keep him off the street

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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A HOMELESS man stole a Landrover from a B&B because he would rather be in prison than living on the streets.

Andrew Ridsdale, 39, pleaded guilty at Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court last Thursday to driving while disqualified and taking a vehicle and a mobile phone without consent.

He stole the Landrover Discovery on March 5 from Manor Farm House, in Castlethorpe, where he was supposed to be living for three nights.

On the first night of his stay he went down to the kitchen at about 12.30am and took the keys to the car and a mobile phone. This incident took place shortly after he was released from prison. Ridsdale asked his probation officer for help finding accommodation but was told that they could not assist him.

Because of this he found himself moving from one area to another looking for somewhere to stay.

Ridsdale had just over £200 on him when he left prison. He spent this on food and B&B accommodation around St Albans and Bedford.

He soon ran out of money but managed to get in contact with a Catholic homeless charity in Milton Keynes which sorted him out with a B&B.

After being picked up from a church in Stony Stratford, Ridsdale was taken to Manor House Farm which is owned by Janet Tate.

A police officer began to follow him but did not pull him over, it was suggested that this was because she was a female officer and was in the car on her own.

Ridsdale pulled over of his own accord and handed her the keys.

Ridsdale's solicitor, Laura Heller from Clark and Cartwright Solicitors, explained that he wanted to get caught and had no intention of keeping the car.

Before he entered the court she said: "Mr Ridsdale understands that he is going to prison, you will understand why I say this when he comes in."

He was sentenced to a total of 18 weeks in prison.

Martin helps kids to go for gold

Motivational: Martin Cross with students Jake Parker, Crystal Poulton and Daniel Hebborn

THERE was Gold Fever at one city school last week as an Olympic medal-winning rower gave motivational talks.

On Thursday and Friday Martin Cross, who won gold at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games in the coxed four event along with Steve Redgrave, visited The Hazeley Academy to speak to year 11 students.

He was there with coaching company Gold Fever, holding workshops to help students be aware of the skills and qualities they have, to encourage a positive attitude and for them to get the most out of themselves for things such as UCAS applications and CVs.

He said: "This is getting them to look at their lives in a more positive way. If you can tap into those things that make them feel better you can make them feel good about themselves."

He said these techniques were very important to him as a rower, to help him achieve Olympic glory from 'very ordinary' beginnings.

Student Jake Parker, 15, said he had found the sessions very helpful. He added: "I'm in a wheelchair and find things quite hard, and before I didn't think I had the ability to do something before I tried it, but now I will be trying things first."

Togfest makes return

A POPULAR music festival will return this summer after a two-year absence.

Once described as Milton Keynes' one-day answer to Glastonbury, Togfest will make its much-anticipated return to Bradwell Abbey on June 30.

Since 1998 the team have delighted crowds with a mix of every possible genre of live music.

Bands and musicians have come from all over the UK, the USA and South Africa to support some of the best artistes that Milton Keynes has to offer.

Festival goers have enjoyed blues, folk, rock, indie, soul, opera, classical, country, bhangra, reggae, funk and much more at this popular family-friendly event, and this year's incarnation is expected to have the same quality, diverse entertainment.

The full line-up will soon be announced.

Early bird tickets are available from www.togfest.org, at £10 for adults and £1 for under 12s.

Experience the stage

MILTON Keynes Theatre has announced the show for its new Stage Experience production, which will give 150 youngsters the chance to walk the professional boards.

Guys and Dolls will be shown at the theatre between August 30 and September 1, with auditions being held for those aged between ten and 21 on Sunday, April 15.

Successful auditionees will be led by a team of industry professionals and the theatre orchestra to take part in two weeks of intensive tuition and rehearsal.

For those interested in backstage work, there are also opportunities to take part in technical placements.

The tuition will then culminate in the opportunity for the youngsters to appear live on the theatre stage in a full-scale production.

To register for auditions, call 01908 547651 or e-mail rachaelfindlay@theambassadors.com.

DNA set to solve the river body buried in

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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THE remains of a man whose lower body was found in a Milton Keynes river about 25 years ago were exhumed on Friday.

Pictured is the scene of the exhumation in Fenny Stratford cemetery in Bletchley.

The identity of the person buried in an unmarked grave has been a mystery for more than 25 years but police are hoping that DNA testing will establish if it is the body of a man who went missing around the same time that the remains were found.

This is the first exhumation of this kind that Thames Valley police have carried out.

The body was recovered from the River Ouse in Olney on December 5 1986 but because they were only partial remains the family was unable to identify it.

Detective Sergeant Craig Kirby said: "The investigating officers in 1986 did not have the benefit of DNA evidence which we now do.

"We have engaged with the family members of the long-standing missing person who are fully supportive of this process and have provided DNA samples which will allow our experts to do a comparison."

A cordon was erected around the grave while the exhumation took place and police posted leaflets to alert residents to what was happening.

Louise Vesely, from the UK Missing Persons Bureau, said: "This is an important process for families and should it turn out to be their family member it means that they can bury those remains somewhere that's meaningful to them and have a proper ceremony to say goodbye to them.

"Really this is to give them peace of mind."

The body was found by two workmen when they were repairing Goosey Bridge.

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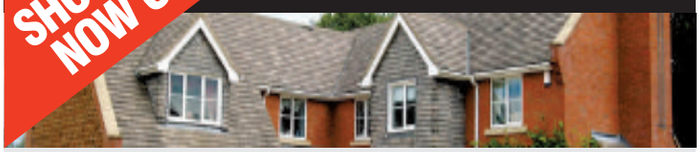
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mystery of the 1980s

that what they had thought was a log was actually the legs and waist of a human.

A postmortem examination revealed that the body was a male, aged about 30 between 5ft 8 and 5ft 10. Because of the state that the remains were in an inquest in 1987 returned an open verdict, with the cause of death unknown. The exhumation took place after a special certificate was issued by the Ministry of Justice. It will take about three weeks to determine the identity of the body which could see the inquest re-opened to get a formal identification.

Louise Vesely, UK Missing Persons Bureau

Detective Sergeant Craig Kirby

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Golf course plans appeal is teed off

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A CONTROVERSIAL proposal to build 89 homes on part of a golf course has been reignited.

Milton Keynes Council's planning committee rejected plans for the development on Windmill Hill golf course in Bletchley on September 15 last year.

But now applicant Golf Course Management (GCM) has appealed to the Secretary of State against that decision, meaning the plans could still be approved.

Before the decision in September more than 500 people signed a petition against the proposals, and a protest was launched at the golf course. Now there are calls to rally that opposition against the appeal.

Councillor Elaine Wales, vice chairman of West Bletchley Parish Council, was one of those who objected to the original application.

She said: "We must oppose the appeal. They must not get away with building on this open space.

"It was a bad proposal last July and it remains a bad proposal.

"It is appalling that the company can threaten our community and one of the few open spaces.

"It will impact on local housing and on the roads and on the quality of the environment.

"We must stop it."

Protest: Residents demonstrated against the plans last year

At the final planning meeting, councillors voted seven to one in favour of refusal after hearing residents' complaints.

Opposition to the plan, which also contains a new smaller clubhouse, a driving range, landscaping and parking, included traffic congestion, an increased flood risk and loss of open space.

The clubhouse would be placed closer to homes than the current one, so noise fears were also raised.

But Guy Graves, representing site owners GCM at the meeting, said the course, which would remain at 18 holes, was at risk of closure as it is running at a loss, and the development would address financial problems.

And he added that officials had not highlighted flooding or traffic concerns.

The issue will now go before West Bletchley Parish Council's environment committee on Monday, March 26.

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Volunteers: Independent Cinema MK petition for city festival

Call for support for film festival vision

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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FILM fanatics are being asked to show their support for a new festival in the city.

Independent Cinema MK (ICMK) wants to see Milton Keynes host an event in 2013 so they have set up a petition to drum up interest.

The document has reached almost 150 signatures and campaigner Ursula White hopes that backing from residents will encourage sponsors to invest in the idea. She said: "I'm not just passionate about film, I'm passionate about our city and making it as vibrant a place as it can be."

A barrage of comments supporting the festival have been posted on the petitions site.

David Rayson wrote: "This is an incredible opportunity to raise the collective energising power of film. Access to a range of visionary films and liberating narratives will continue to empower people in Milton Keynes."

ICMK is a grassroots organisation that encourages the film-loving public to branch out and experience a wider variety of movie.

The group launched a successful travelling cinema that works all over the city screening thrilling flicks and this new venture aims to get the public even more involved in film.

Ms White said: "Film is something everyone can relate to and we want to get people's thoughts on the concept of a film festival."

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Sue Wick, UK Grants Manager at Comic Relief, said: "Applications have been pouring in since the launch back in January, but with the application deadline of Friday we're urging groups who haven't yet applied not to miss out on the opportunity.

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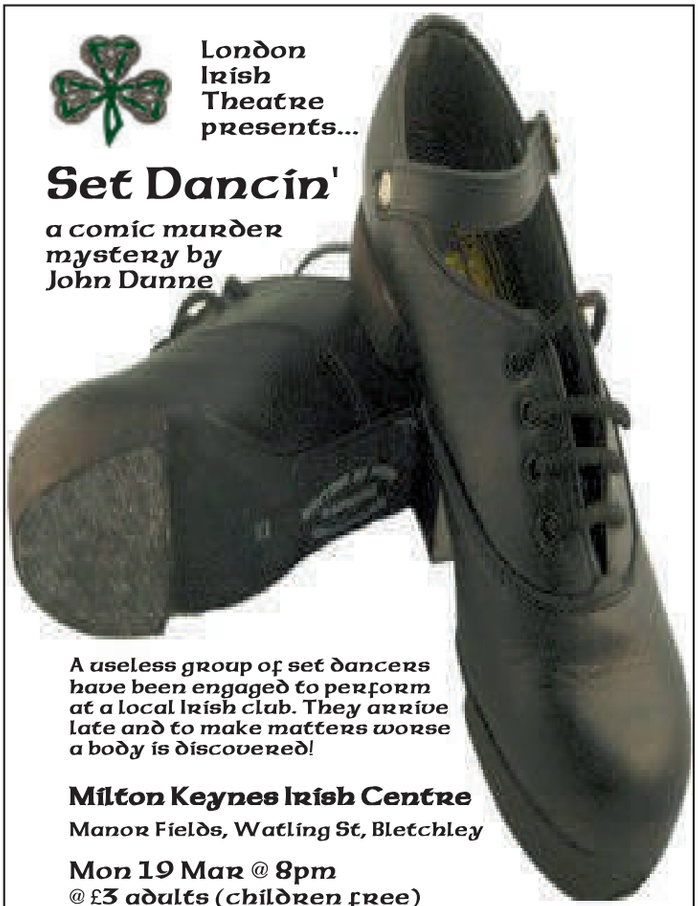

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School is hoping for expansion go-ahead

BY ADAM GRINSELL

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THE decision on whether a huge expansion at one of the city's secondary schools can go ahead is expected to be made tomorrow.

A total of nine extensions are planned for St Paul's Catholic School in Phoenix Drive, Leadenhall, with a total floor space increase of 1,436.6 square metres.

The development, if granted, is expected to begin next month and finish in February next year.

It will create two new science labs, seven new classrooms, a dance studio, store room, machine room, an extended workroom, a hearing impaired unit, a secure entrance, two new offices and a canteen extension.

Headteacher Michael Manley said: "The expansion of St Paul's is an exciting opportunity to enhance our existing facilities so that we can provide a high quality learning environment for our pupils and post 16 students.

"We are also pleased to have the opportunity to provide a specialist learning environment for our new hearing impaired department."

The development would provide space for an increase of around 60 students, taking the school's total up to 1,777, and would also mean the creation of the equivalent of three full-time posts.

Big plans: St Paul's Catholic School

Although a handful of residents have raised concerns about increased parking and school pupils gathering outside homes, Milton Keynes Council officers have recommended the plans are given the green light.

They have stated that the proposal provides one space more than would be the council's required standard, and that any extra pick-up and drop-off area needed can be found by freeing up spaces currently used for long-term parking.

The plans also provide for a large space to be used for the school's 'enquiry-based learning projects', which sees pupils team up to autonomously solve problems set across subject areas.

The plans are set to be discussed and decided upon at tomorrow night's planning committee meeting at 7pm.

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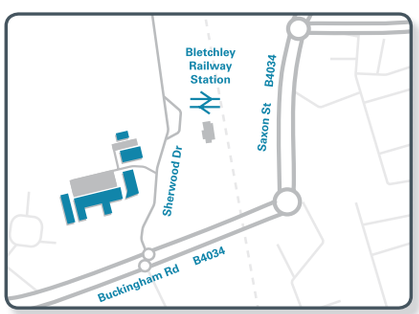

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Asking people their views on speed limits: Councillors Mick Legg and Nigel Long at the Whaddon Way - Whalley Drive junction

People say no to 20mph limit plan

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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EIGHTY five per cent of residents living in an area that could have its road speed limits reduced have given a thumbs down to the idea.

In an informal survey of those living in Whalley Drive and adjoining closes, around 90 people responded to the question posed to them by local Labour parish councillors.

As exclusively revealed by MK NEWS, some members of West Bletchley Parish Council last year proposed reducing the limit on some residential roads to 20mph to curb speeding.

Labour parish councillor Arun Vaidyanathan was so concerned about the idea of the limit reduction that he spoke to dozens of residents, and led a deputation to the parish council.

A working group has now been set up by the parish council to consult with all those living on the streets affected, which is set to take place in the coming months.

But in the meantime Cllr Mick Legg conducted this survey to gauge reaction.

He said: "There is a problem, but 20mph is not the solution preferred by the residents.

"The police said it was an unenforcable proposal on this major road, so the question is what is the best solution to this fast road?

"The traffic on this road goes too fast.

"A lot of it is people from outside the area cutting through to the train station and to central Bletchley. We need to find a solution.

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Sights set on a smash hit

WONDERFUL Town is not one of the best known musicals about but director Braham Murray, founding Artistic Director of the Royal Exchange Theatre Company, cannot speak highly enough of the show.

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With congas, jazz, Irish lyricism and ballads there's something in there for everyone. And he promises audiences an extraordinary life-force Broadway musical by a genius composer, brilliant book writers, extraordinary cerography and a wonderful cast.

He said: "I've always said musicals are like childbirth, if you remembered how painful it was you wouldn't do another one but in this particular case I've got a dream cast and a dream team. We're three weeks into rehearsals and we're all having a ball."

Braham hopes that this show will open the eyes of audiences and critics to an often overlooked but brilliant piece which will go on to London.

Star Connie fills shoes of beloved icon

NEXT month the uplifting musical Wonderful Town comes to Milton Keynes Theatre.
Star Connie Fisher and Director Braham Murray talk to reporter ANNA MAUREMOOTOO about the tale of two sisters who travel from Ohio to New York in search of love and fortune.

AFTER shooting to fame in the hit TV show 'How Do You Solve a Problem like Maria?' Connie Fisher has now landed a dream role following in the footsteps of her childhood hero.

When talking about her role as Ruth in Wonderful Town, Connie buzzes with excitement.

She said: "I played Maria for five years so to play a new role is always really exciting.

"Obviously it's not a new show, it's a revival, but it's new for me.

"My character is an aspiring writer and I can relate to my character in that respect, I had ambition and I wanted to showcase what I could do." The road to success has been far from smooth for the 28-year-old star.

Olivier nominated Michael Xavier

In April 2009 she had to undergo an operation on her vocal cords and was told that she might never sing again.

She said: "I still surprise myself when I can hit a note.

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Connie Fisher talks to Anna about her role, ***above***, and Lucy Van Gasse performs a song from the musical, ***below***

something that is castable, it's something you can work with."

Connie was drawn to the role not only for its comedy value but also because it was previously played by her icon Maureen Lipman.

She said: "She's a big inspiration for me and I look a bit like her as well.

"The role is quirky and I've always fit in that comedy box, I've always had wonky teeth and comedy eyes and I've always enjoyed making people laugh.

"There's nothing more fulfilling as an actress than to make people laugh." Also staring double Olivier nominated actor Michael Xavier as Connie's love interest and introducing Lucy Van Gasse, this promises to be a toe-tappingly enjoyable experience not to be missed.

For our full interview with Connie and the director visit www.mk-news.co.uk.

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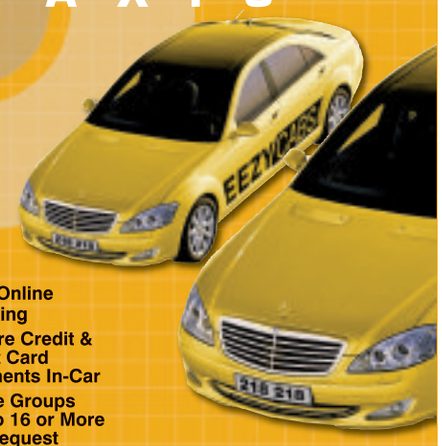

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Back city status bid and win a hamper

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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PEOPLE in Milton Keynes are on tenterhooks as the Queen tries to decide whether we can finally, rightfully call ourselves a city.

With the decision expected any time now, the latest odds have Milton Keynes at about 16/1 to take the title - behind places like Reading and Dudley.

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Cheers: Council city bid champion Debbie Brock, *left*, with Hazel Roberts

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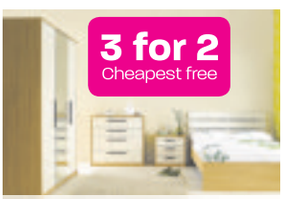

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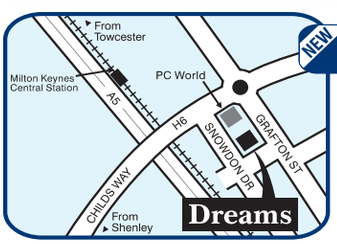

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Fears raised over 'high-peak' fares

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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RAIL commuters are facing new 'high-peak' fares under plans announced by the Government last week.

That is the fear of the Labour Parliamentary spokesman for Milton Keynes, Andrew Pakes, who says the fare increases are 'buried' in a new Department for Transport consultation.

Section 110 of the Rail Fares and Ticketing Review suggests an option of creating a high-peak fare to promote a 'more even usage of peak capacity among existing passengers'.

Mr Pakes said: "Now the Government wants to penalise commuters travelling during the morning rush-hour by charging more again.

"The Government has already promised bidders for the West Coast franchise the right to hike fares by eight per cent above inflation in 2013 and 2014 and then six per cent above inflation every year for the next 15 years.

"This is another hit on passengers already feeling the squeeze from rising living costs."

Concerns: Passengers using Milton Keynes Central face rise in fares

MP Iain Stewart, a member of the Parliamentary transport select committee, said he would welcome the opinion of rail users.

He is also meeting the four bidders for the new West Coast franchise this week in order to 'press the case for Milton Keynes'.

He called Mr Pakes comments 'opportunism from Labour', adding: "The recently published railway policy consultation document contains a wide range of proposals to bring an end to years of above-inflation fare increases and aims to make our railways more efficient and customer focused."

To see the rail fares consultation, visit www.dft.gov.uk/consultations/dft-2012-09.

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Men brave waxing for stillbirth charity

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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A COUPLE devastated by the stillbirth of their baby boy have organised a charity event to help other parents.

Kayleigh and Ciaran Moore, from Coffee Hall, wanted to do something positive to commemorate what should have been Keagan's first birthday.

Waxing for Little Souls was held at Beauty Careers Training in Hulcote and saw several brave men get their legs, chests and underarms waxed in aid of Sands - a stillbirth and neonatal death charity.

Mrs Moore, 21, hopes that events like this will help raise awareness of a taboo subject.

She said: "When I was pregnant I didn't worry about stillbirth, I was worried about cot death but stillbirth didn't even cross my mind.

"After it happened to me I found out that people I knew had gone through the same thing and I didn't know because people don't like to talk about it."

The owners of Beauty Careers Training, Leander Cook and Michelle Moynes, provided the venue, equipment and a team of experienced therapists to ensure the day was a success.

Mrs Cook said: "It is important for us as a business to support the local community and this event seemed the perfect way of embracing a local couple and help them create the perfect environment for such a special day.

"We were deeply moved by their story and as parents ourselves we felt it was the right charity for us to support."

A raffle was also held as part of the event, on February 26, which included family match tickets donated by city sports teams MK Dons and MK Lighting.

A total of more than £1,000 was raised for Sands, which works tirelessly to support bereaved families.

After the success of this year's event Mrs Moore hopes to hold another one in 2013.

She said: "We won't do exactly the same thing but I want to do something."

To donate visit www.justgiving.com/Keagan-Moore.

Fundraising: Ciaran Moore, who was waxed from head to toe for the event, and Kayleigh Moore

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MK gears up for a summer of fun

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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MILTON Keynes is marketing itself to the rest of Britain in a bid to get people to come and enjoy its action-packed summer.

Destination MK, Milton Keynes Council and other partners have been working to pull together a massive programme of arts, heritage and sports celebrations between May and September.

And Arts Council England has given its backing in the form of a grant of nearly £100,000 - one of its largest project grants - to pay for artist fees, artistic direction and a marketing campaign to tie dozens of events together in the Summer of Culture.

Jackie Inskipp, from Destination MK, said they are now hoping to market the city to a wider audience by using trains and buses.

She said: "This is about making Milton Keynes people aware of what there is locally, as well as trying to attract a wider audience to help the visitor economy.

"It's also to showcase all the things fantastic about Milton Keynes in terms of arts, heritage and sports."

Milton Keynes' Summer of Culture will kick off with Arts and Heritage Open Places on May 11 to 20, when artists will offer workshops, tours, talks and activities at venues across the city.

Cultured: Catch MK City Orchestra as part of the festivities in summer

The festivities will continue through June with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations in Campbell Park, a Connected Earth communications week-long event between MK Museum and Bletchley Park, and the Olympic-endorsed MK Games, which will run for six weeks.

The Torch Relay is coming through Central Milton Keynes and Bletchley in July, followed by the MK Festival Fringe and the International Festival.

More cultural events and activities are planned for August and September.

A business card-sized leaflet with dates, events and locations will soon be distributed.

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SEBASTIAN VETTEL WON'T GIVE UP HIS DRIVERS' WORLD TITLE WITHOUT A FIGHT. . .HE WANTS A TREBLE

BY DAN PALMER

THE German was in imperious form in 2011 as he stormed to his second successive drivers' title – leaving his rivals in his wake.

In doing so he became the youngest ever double world champion at the age of 24 years and 98 days and a stack of other records were also added to his CV.

There's no time to rest though as Red Bull's rivals are determined to stop Vettel in his tracks as they bid to prevent him completing a famous hat-trick.

Vettel, who won 11 races in 2011, is targeting more glory this year during F1's longest ever season on record.

"The target is to try to do it again and try to get everything out of ourselves," the world champ said. "We'll always look back to 2011 and think how special it was, but we know how hard it is to be that consistent. It would be wrong to go into this season and expect 2011 to happen again. The thing is, at the beginning of last year we didn't really expect what happened last year, so for me I think it's the same thing again."

Vettel said that he predicted a "very tight" contest this term.

He said: "Anything else would be a surprise to be honest.

"Obviously we hope our car is better than all the others but it will be difficult, and I think the cars will be fairly similar, as the gaps will be closer than they have been." Despite the dominant season Vettel is adamant that Red Bull won't be complacent as they do have things to improve.

"In 2011 we were extremely successful and it was a good season, so there were only a few mistakes," he said.

"But still we sat down during the season and especially afterwards and before this season again, trying to identify where we think we can improve, and yeah we've got a couple of points.

"We had a couple of pages with things that we can do better, and we know we can do better. There are small things, attentions to detail, that you can work on that might make a difference on a Sunday afternoon.

"You know we have 20 races, so maybe it helps you only in one out of 20, but that might help you to score that one point more that you might need."

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THE season-ending Brazilian grand-prix was the only race which Webber won in 2011 while driving partner Sebastian Vettel clocked up the victories.

However, the Australian still contributed valuable points on a consistent basis which helped propel his team towards a memorable Constructors' Championship.

"Last year wasn't an amazing season, but it wasn't too bad for me," Webber said.

"I still managed to finish third in the Drivers' Championship, not far off second with Jenson Button there, so it was a great way for me to finish the year with the victory in Brazil and many strong results.

"You always want to come back and improve and do a better job. The bar has been lifted very, very high in the last few seasons and it's a challenge I'm excited about.

"I'm looking forward to the new season, I just cannot wait to get racing. We can talk a lot about it but we need to get on the track."

GREEN: The season gets going in Australia this weekend

PARTY TIME: Red Bull Racing clinch the 2011 Formula 1 Constructors' Championship

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Prize time: Jonathan Cook, from Broughton, collects his prize from Dons trio Dean Lewington, David Martin and John Gorman

Dons supporter is a fan in a million

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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A LUCKY Dons fan is celebrating being one in a million.

When Jonathan Cook, from Broughton, attended MK Dons' League One home game against Sheffield Wednesday last month he was blissfully unaware that he would become the millionth fan to walk through the turnstiles for a Football League game.

Mr Cook, a season ticket holder in the Cowshed for the past five years, won a special edition Hanspress Soccer 28 Football TV courtesy of MK Dons' partners MISCO.

He said: "I saw the competition on the website but I thought it was going to be the one millionth person to buy a ticket so I didn't think I would have a chance.

"I was also late at work that day so I was at the stadium later than I normally would be so I was really shocked when Andrew Cullen (group sales and marketing director at MK Dons) gave me a ring to congratulate me on winning it."

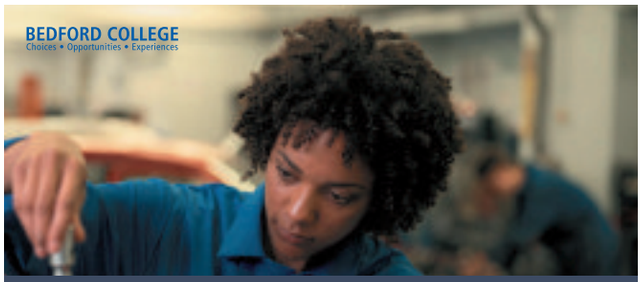
The turnstiles at stadiummk opened for the first time in 2007 when the side, then managed by Paul Ince, faced a League Two fixture against Bury.

Fast forward five years and the team, with Karl Robinson now at the helm, are pushing for promotion to the Championship and early last month an unsuspecting Mr Cook pushed the club to the incredible milestone.

On the night the crowd exceeded 8,700 in the 1-1 draw against promotion rivals Wednesday.

Mr Cook went back to stadiummk to collect his prize from a Dons trio of skipper Dean Lewington, goalkeeper David Martin and assistant manager John Gorman.

He added: "I don't know where I am going to put the TV yet – I'll see what the girlfriend says about it."



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Mothers Day

18th March 2012

The History behind Mothering Sunday

Mothering Sunday was also known as 'Refreshment Sunday' or 'Mid-Lent Sunday'.
No one is absolutely certain exactly how the idea of Mothering Sunday began. However, it is known that on this day, about four hundred years ago, people made a point of visiting their nearest big church (the Mother Church).
People who visited their mother church would say they had gone "a mothering."
Young British girls and boys 'in service' (maids and servants) were only allowed one day to visit their family each year. This was usually Mothering Sunday. Often the housekeeper or cook would allow the maids to bake a cake to take home for their mother. Sometimes a gift of eggs; or flowers from the garden (or hothouse) was allowed. Flowers were traditional, as the young girls and boys would have to walk home to their village, and could gather them on their way home through the meadows.
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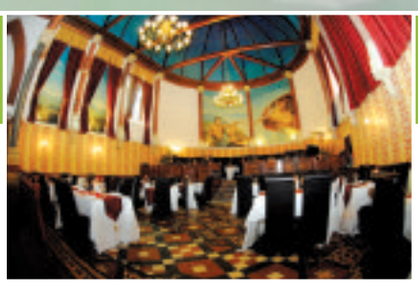

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Sunday Carvery
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Mains include succulent British Roast sirloin of beef with all the trimmings, Roast loin of Pork with crispy crackling, Baked Salmon cooked our Chef's style along with an oriental stir fry as a Vegetarian option.

Floral Gift
Mums will be treated to a floral gift for Mothers Day at the Holiday Inn Milton Keynes East, and also indulge in sweet treats such as home made apple pie and custard or bread and butter pudding to make them feel extra special. There's the option to enjoy a two course meal.

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Hiccup Theatre has reworked the classic Edward Lear poem with song and on-stage antics, and is currently on a national tour.

MK LIFE spoke to company founder Ivan Stott, who has been working as a composer and actor for 22 years.

He said: "We are committed to making shows that the whole family can enjoy together, so the parents and grandparents will enjoy it as much as the kids.

"There are universal things in there about relationships that people of all ages will be able to

relate to, so it's very funny for the grown ups too.

"We chose to do Owl and the Pussycat because, although the poem's not very long, there's so much in it.

"It's essentially a story about two species that shouldn't be together - they should be mortal enemies - but they find harmony and understanding together and love each other.

"We felt there was a nice metaphor for kids, of acceptance and loving other people whoever they are."

So go and meet Owl, Pussycat, the piggy wig, the turkey who lives on the hill and the strangest looking tree you'll ever see.

An absurd hogwash of nonsense featuring silly songs, babbling puppets and smaller than life characters.

Puppetry, live music and beautiful storytelling combine in this enchanting retelling of the classic poem.

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SIMON DARNELL

TONIGHT

Saint Etienne

YOU know something, I could be wrong (it has happened before) but this is probably the first song to include the word 'synthesiser' in its lyrics since 1981.

Mind you, it is appearing in a Saint Etienne song, and they're not exactly a band that's known for troubling themselves with sounding right up-to-the-minute.

As far as I'm concerned, if any band can get away with using outdated terminology such as that it's them and if the song they're using it in has a dated feel to it as well, that's even more acceptable.

Come to think of it, this song could easily have reached the Top Ten back in the late 1990s with no changes whatsoever, which sounds bad, but as the charts were a far more interesting (not to mention relevant) place to be at the end of the last century it's actually a compliment of sorts.

To be honest with you, Tonight isn't a very exciting song, but as a three-minute pop ditty it does its job perfectly well.

Most importantly, it manages to stay just about on the right side of average.

Perhaps One Direction should ask Saint Etienne how they can up their game in order to be that good.

LET LOVE DECIDE

X-Press 2 featuring Roland Clark

I'LL be the first to admit I don't know everything.

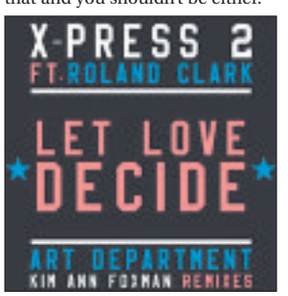
For example, take Roland Clark. I'd heard the name before but I didn't quite know where I knew him from, so I had a look on Wikipedia.

According to that always-accurate information repository, he's a house music producer and singer, which certainly makes sense given that he's guesting on an X-Press 2 single.

You know, with research skills like mine it's astonishing that I'm not a private investigator or something.

Anyway, the song. I like it. It's mellow, relaxing, soothing and if you feel like adding any more words to this list that essentially mean the same thing then feel free.

It won't win any awards for originality, but I'm not worried about that and you shouldn't be either.



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THE Welsh National Opera (WNO) is coming to Milton Keynes Theatre to portray matters of the heart from a women's perspective.

La traviata: Joyce El-Khoury as Violette. Picture Roger Donovan

LA TRAVIATA

Tuesday and Friday, March 23, 7.15pm

DAVID McVicar's highly acclaimed production of Verdi's La traviata, set in 19th century Paris, sees Canadian soprano, Joyce El-Khoury, making her European debut in the role of Violetta Valèry.

Mexican tenor, Carlos Osuna, who sings the role of Alfredo Germont, is also making his debut for the company, as is conductor, Julia Jones.

McVicar's detailed production evokes a world where the aspirations of a young courtesan Violetta are cruelly defeated by social convention, leaving her to make the ultimate sacrifice for love.

BEATRICE & BENEDICT

Wednesday, March 21, 7.15pm

SHAKESPEARE'S Much Ado About Nothing is the inspiration for Berlioz's opera, here transformed to a Mediterranean setting rich in colour and atmosphere.

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Elijah Moshinsky's production is performed for the first time in a decade with Sara Fulgoni returning to sing the role of Beatrice and Robin Tritschler as her sparring partner Benedict.

Donald Maxwell also returns in the role of Somarone and Laura Mitchell takes on the role of Hero. The conductor is Michael Hofstetter.

THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO

Thursday, March 22 and Saturday, March 24, 7pm

CAMILLA Roberts makes her debut in the role of Countess Almaviva in Luis Pasqual's stylish production of The Marriage of Figaro for the WNO, set in the early 1930s.

The Countess is slighted by her husband's attempts to seduce the household maid, Susanna (Elizabeth Watts) on her wedding day.

The cast also includes David Soar as Figaro, Dario Solari as Count Almaviva and Patricia Orr as Cherubino. The conductor is Anthony Negus.

■ Tickets cost between £17 and £47. To book, visit www.atgtickets.com/miltonkeynes (booking fee applies).

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Saturday 7.30pm

FOLLOWING their first brilliant sell out concert, Rock Chorus returns for another high octane mix of classic rock and pop songs.

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OUR MAN IN THE BRONZE AGE

Saturday, 7.30pm

MILTON Keynes progressive/alternative rock legends Our Man in the Bronze Age return home with this headline show, featuring special guests Swallowing the Seas and Frantic Alice.

Our Man in the Bronze Age have not played in Milton Keynes since last summer when they supported Tesseract.

The band have been concentrating on completing their debut album The Gallow Tree, which they have played, written and recorded themselves.

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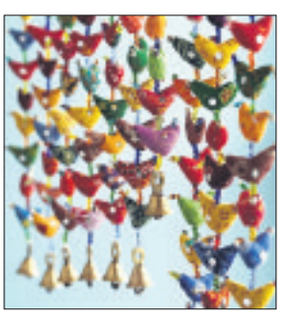
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The start of spring is a hive of activity as many animals begin to come out of hibernation, so make sure you don't miss all the action.

Visitors to the parks this month will have a good chance of seeing the first butterflies of the year. The best sites to see a wide variety of butterfly species, including the small tortoiseshell, brimstone, peacock and speckled wood, are the ancient woodlands of Shenley, Howe Park and Linford.

There will also be lots of watery wildlife around at this time of year. Newts will be entering the water to breed, where they attract the female with a mating dance involving the waving of his crest and flaunting his bright colours.

Above the water, ducks, swans and geese will also begin their courting and mating rituals.

The kingfisher is one of Britain's most beautiful birds, and a regular sight on the river in the Ouse and Ouzel Valley Parks. Other places to look for flashes of its electric blue plumage include Lodge Lake, Teardrop Lakes and the Loughton and Broughton Brooks. It will most likely be spotted perching on a branch or post near the water.

The adder, grass snake and slow worm, whilst rare in other parts of the country, can be found in Milton Keynes. These creatures are solitary and difficult to spot – but as they emerge from hibernation you have a better chance of seeing them as they slither by. After a lean winter, foxes and squirrels will be out and about in the parks to take advantage of more plentiful food supplies. In Milton Keynes, where there are many green spaces, foxes and squirrels are numerous. Dawn and dusk are great times to see these creatures as when city life becomes quieter their activity increases.

For more information on the wildlife in the parks, as well as full species lists, visit The Parks Trust website www.theparkstrust.com.

FOOD AND CRAFT FAIR

FOR the first time Olney will experience a European food and craft fair on Sunday.

Market Place will be transformed into a bustling market place when professional continental market traders from around Europe will come to sell their high quality products including Brittany biscuits, olives, Italian nougat, delectable cheeses, sausages, tartiflette, fresh bread, croissants and much, much more. As well as all of these delectable tasty goods, you will also be able to choose from a wide range of products including handbags and leather items, Marseille soaps, lavender, children's toys and pashminas.

Most of the products on sale will come from each stallholder's region, where they are produced by family businesses, farms or small factories using traditional methods, maintaining a high standard of quality.

All of the traders will also wear their traditional local costumes from 100 years ago, as well as decorating their stall to represent the region of the country they come from, providing you with a true flavour of the continent.

For more information visit www.traditionalmarket.co.uk

FILM REVIEW

21 JUMP STREET (15)

Synopsis: Two cops go undercover at a high school
Who's in it: Channing Tatum, Jonah Hill, Ice Cube

YOU may not have heard of 21 Jump Street but it was an American crime drama series which ran for five seasons in the late 1980s.

The show mainly covered a group of young, undercover police officers who investigated crimes in schools, colleges and other places where young criminals happen to hang out.

Someone in Hollywood decided that this premise would be a great idea for a funny 21st century action-comedy film as suddenly 21 Jump Street is back in the public spotlight.

There have been a fair few 1980s re-makes in recent years and not all of them have been successful - some things should be left in the past.

But 21 Jump Street makes a refreshing change to that trend as here is a film which revels in its upgrade. That is largely down to double act Channing Tatum and Jonah Hill who star as the movie's big hitters Jenko and Schmidt, former school mates who bump into each other again at a police academy.

It's the first time they've met since their school days when Jenko - a stereotypical bully – used to make the life of Schmidt – your stereotypical nerd - a misery.

Now though they have decided that they can put their respective brains and brawn together and it isn't long before things take a turn for the comical.

After making a few mistakes while on park patrol, the increasingly hapless duo find that their youthful faces get them re-assigned on the dreaded undercover school duty.

They are charged with busting a high school drugs ring but unfortunately this also means confronting the highs and lows of being a teenager all over again.

Renowned as the show that launched Johnny Depp's career, 21 Jump Street deserves its makeover for the modern audience and any fans of the original series will be pleased to know that things have been done well.

Hill and Tatum are excellent together, bringing contrasting styles to the table which work superbly in tandem to create an extremely likeable pairing.

This is laugh out loud funny and to add to the fun a few car chases and explosions have been thrown into the mix.

You won't regret a visit to Jump Street, and who knows, the previously mentioned Mr Depp might just make an appearance.

8/10

Undercover: Channing Tatum and Jonah Hill in 21 Jump Street

WE BOUGHT A ZOO (PG)

Synopsis: A dad acquires a menagerie
Who's in it: Matt Damon, Scarlett Johansson, Colin Ford

MATT Damon stars in this comedy about a single-father who accidentally ends up as a zoo-keeper (like you do).

He plays journalist Benjamin Mee, who, fancying a change of scenery, decides to relocate his family to the country. He soon finds the perfect home but there's one tiny detail the estate agent has neglected to share - it comes with its own run-down zoo.

The family are of course on a steep learning curve so you can expect plenty of scenes where they unsuccessfully try to get to grips with unruly animals.

A nice enough family comedy but it won't bowl you over - a trip to a real zoo would be better.

5/10

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DAILY LIFE

THURSDAY

BIG Pub Quiz, Craufurd Arms, Wolverton. Maybe the best and most friendly, banter filled quiz night in MK, 8pm.

MARQUETRY at West Bletchley Community Centre, Porchester Close. Make beautiful pictures using thin wood veneer, 10am-noon. Contact Ron on 01908 667753.

ART Group at West Bletchley Community Centre, Porchester Close. Friendly meetings for anyone who enjoys painting, 1.30-4pm. Contact Ann on 01908 506699.

TALKING in tongues poetry evening, Stony Stratford Library. Presented by renowned Irish poet Michael O'Siadhai, 7pm. Free. Call 01908 562562 for more details.

FRIDAY

CLEARING scrub in the windmill area with BTCV Railway Walk Experience. The windmill is part of Milton Keynes's heritage and it is only right that we keep the area looking good. More scrub to be cut back from the windmill area. Meet at Bradwell Windmill car park, Nightingale Crescent, Bradville, 10.30am-3pm.

THE Attic Unplugged, under 18s open mic night. Young singers/musicians/poets to take to the stage with professional sound and lighting. Hosted by Buszy Sounds radio, if you would like to perform contact rosie.thurston@mad-uk.org, or just turn up on the night.

YOGA relaxation and stretch at St Michael's Church, OU campus, 6-7.30pm. For more information call 01908 218915, or email hypnomk@googlemail.com.

SATURDAY

BARK in the Park, Bancroft Park. Bring your pooch along and join The Parks Trust rangers for a dog walk. Starts 10am, free. Call 01908 255379 for more details.

SUNDAY

MK RAMBLERS' seven-mile circular walk. Meet 10am at the Forest Centre, Marston Moretaine (GR TL004418). Bring refreshments as required. No dogs please. For more details contact 01908 669698.

LIVE lunchtime music at Woughton Leisure Centre. This week rock covers band Cold Sweat take to the stage, free entry, families welcome, 1-4pm.

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MONDAY

RINGCRAFT Dog Training at West Bletchley Community Centre, Porchester Close, 7.30-9.30pm. Contact Marion on 01525 751698 for more information.

CHARITY pub quiz, The Barge, Woolstone. In aid of Willen Hospice, 9pm, £1 per player.

TUESDAY

PETANQUE (Boule) in Bancroft Park at 2pm. New players welcome. For more details call 01908 319663 (Bancroft Park Petanque Club). Also meets Thursdays and 11am on Sundays.

WEDNESDAY

OPEN Film Society, Involuntary. Five interwoven stories explore the Swedish compulsion to respond to group pressure and respect for authority. A challenging but amusing film. Old Lecture Theatre, OU, showing at 6.15pm and 8.45pm. Visit www.openfilmsociety.co.uk.

YOGA meditation, chanting and relaxation at Portfields Community Centre, Wordsworth Avenue, Newport Pagnell, 8-9pm. For more information call 01908 218915, or email hypnomk@googlemail.com.

NEWPORT Pagnell Young Farmers' Club meets every Wednesday at 7.30pm in Weston Underwood Village Hall. More details from Jess Coltman (chairman) on 07740 859530, or Phillie Reynolds (secretary) on 07523 208003.

COMPETITION

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To be in with a chance of winning a family ticket to Mead Open Farm, all you have to do is answer this simple question. Who can you meet this Easter at Mead Open Farm? a) The Tooth Fairy b) The Easter Bunny c) Santa Claus.

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single men

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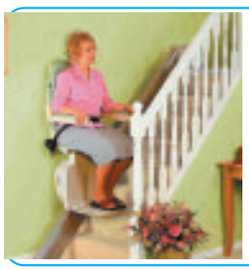

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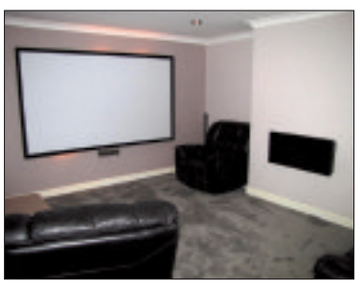

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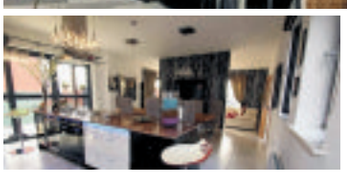

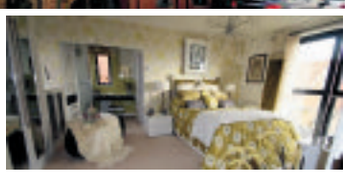

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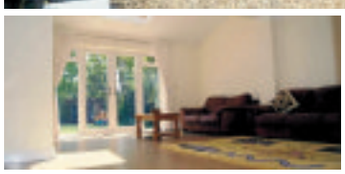

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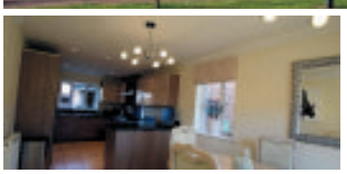

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- Master Ensuite
- Double Glazing
- Double Garage
- Front and Rear Gardens

£388,995

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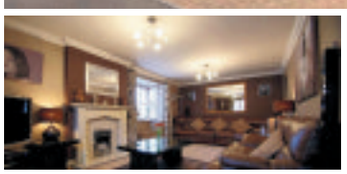

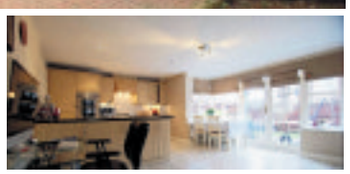

Monkston Park

This superb five bedroom detached executive home is situated in an attractive cul de sac in the highly regarded area of Monkston Park.

- Superb Five Bedroom
- Executive Detached Home
- Cul-De-Sac Location
- Beautiful Kitchen/Family Room
- En Suite To Master
- Double Garage

£395,000

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Bradwell £164,500
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Shower Room
- Front & Rear Garden

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Shenley Brook End £168,500
- Two bedrooms
- Lounge/dining room
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- Gas to radiator heating
- Garden
- Garage

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Bradwell £144,995
- Three Bedrooms
- Semi Detached
- Gas Central Heating
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage
- Good Location

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Walton £237,500
- Three Bedrooms
- Three Storey
- Semi Detached
- Entrance Hall
- Cloakroom
- Kitchen
- Lounge/ Dining Room
- Bathroom
- Dressing Room
- Ensuite
- Front Garden
- Rear Garden

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- Apartment
- Two bedroom
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Bathroom
- Parking area
- No upper chain

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Woolstone £310,000
- Detached Property
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- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Cul De Sac Location

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Oldbrook £164,995
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- Popular Location
- Gas Central Heating
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- Veiwing is Highly Recommended

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Shenley Church End £345,000
- Detached Property
- Three/Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen
- Utility
- Study/Bedroom Four
- Cloakroom

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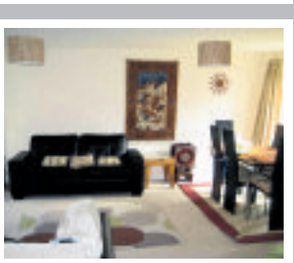

Broughton £224,500
- Spacious
- Three Bedroom
- Link-detached
- Cloakroom
- Ensuite to Master
- Double Car Port

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Oldbrook £154,950
- Two Bedrooms
- Apartment
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- Kitchen
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Browns Wood OIEO £285,000
- Extended Detached
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- Two Reception Rooms
- Cloakroom
- Ensuite to Master
- Front and Rear Gardens

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Monkston £145,000
- Apartment
- Kitchen
- Lounge/Diner
- Four piece Bathroom
- Allocated parking
- Double glazing

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Medbourne £89,995
- Shared Ownership
- Second floor apartment
- Open plan living/kitchen area
- Juliette balconies
- Two Bedrooms
- Allocated parking

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Simpson £265,000
- Character Property
- Two Reception Rooms
- Three Bedrooms
- Shower Room
- Bathroom
- Large Rear Garden

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Blakelands £350,000
- Four Bedrooms Semi Detached
- Dining/Family Room
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Ensuite
- Re-fitted Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Garden

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Broughton £170,000
- Very well presented
- Two Bed Apartment
- Ensuite to Master
- Double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Allocated parking

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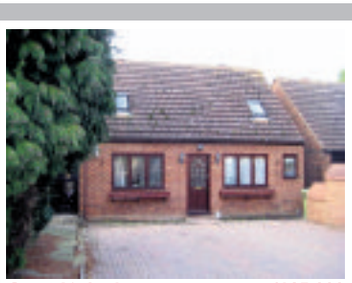

Great Linford £195,000
- Three to Four Bedrooms
- Detached Chalet Style
- En-suite
- Off Road Parking
- Gas to Radiator Heating
- Double Glazing

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Oxley Park £145,000
- Three storey cluster home
- Two bedooms
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Living room with Juliette balcony
- Allocated parking

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Downs Barn £210,000
- Three Bedroom
- Link-detached
- Cul-de-sac location
- Conservatory
- Ensuite to Master
- Garage & Gardens

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Broughton £155,000
- First Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Entrance Hall
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom

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Heelands £159,995
- Three Bedrooms
- Semi Detached
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Dining Room
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Double Glazing

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Broughton £135,000
- Ground Floor Flat
- One Bedroom
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Garden Space
- Allocated Parking

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Springfield £137,500
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- Cloakroom
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Fixed Price £600,000

- Four Bedroom Detached
- Lakeside Views
- Balcony
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Two Ensuites
- The Upside Down Property

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Furzton

This beautifully presented five bedroom detached executive residence is situated in a sought after cul-de-sac close to the popular Furzton Lake.

OIEO £410,000

- Five Bedroom Detached
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Generous Private Driveway
- Glorious Landscaped Gardens
- 19ft Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Double Garage

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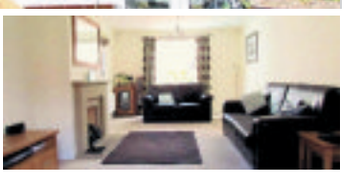

Monkston Park

A well presented five bedroom, three storey detached property with accommodation comprising of conservatory, two ensuites, single garage, five bedrooms.

£425,000

- Very well presented
- Five Bedroom
- Detached
- Three Receptions
- Three Ensuites
- Garage

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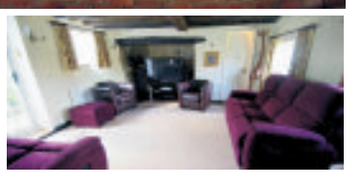

Moulsoe

Very well presented Grade II listed character property set over three floors with five bedrooms and two attic rooms. This beautifully presented home is pleasantly situated in the popular village of Moulsoe.

£600,000

- Versatile accommodation
- Five bedrooms
- Two attic rooms
- Annexe
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- Separate Reception rooms
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- Ensuite to Master
- Double Garage
- South facing rear Garden

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Shenley Brook End £324,995
- Four/five Bed Detached
- Kitchen/Breakfast & Utility
- 26ft Lounge
- Two Ensuites
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- Four double Bedroom
- Detached
- Separate Reception rooms
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- Ensuite to Master
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Woburn £125,000
- Over 55's
- Two Bedroom
- Ground floor Apartment
- Re-fitted Shower room
- Rear Garden
- No upper chain

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Emerson Valley £200,000
- Three Bedroom
- Detached
- Re-fitted Kitche/Diner
- Re-fitted Bathroom
- Rear & side Gardens
- Driveway & Garage

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Tattenhoe £225,000
- Four Bedroom
- Townhouse
- Popular Location
- Cloakroom
- En Suite To Master
- Gardens and Garage

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Wavendon Gate £120,000
- One Bedroom
- Quiet cul-de-sac
- Lounge/Diner
- Off road parking
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- Ideal for first time buyers

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Kents Hill Offers Over £200,000
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- Popular Residential area
- Separate Reception rooms
- Ensuite to Master
- Re-fitted Bathroom
- Gardens, Driveway & Garage

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Oxley Park £365,000
- Four double Bedroom Detached
- Kitchen/Breakfast room
- Dual aspect Lounge
- Fifth Bedroom/Study
- Two Ensuites
- Double Garage

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Shenley Church End £169,995
- Two Bedroom
- Semi-detached
- Cul-de-sac location
- Conservatory
- Gas central heating
- Front & rear Gardens

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Monkston £230,000
- Three Bed Link-detached
- Quiet cul-de-sac location
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Ensuite to Master
- Off road parking & Garage

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Midleton £269,995
- Three Bedroom
- Detached
- Ensuite to Master
- Conservatory
- Utility & Cloakroom
- Rear Garden

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Tattenhoe £210,000
- Three Bed Semi-detached
- No upper chain
- Cloakroom
- Conservatory
- Driveway & Garage
- Front & rear Gardens

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Tattenhoe OIEO £290,000
- Four Bed Detached
- Three Receptions
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Utility & Cloakroom
- Ensuite to Master
- Garage & Gardens

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Wavendon Gate £360,000
- Four Bed Detached
- Separate Reception rooms
- Cloakroom & Utility room
- Ensuite to Master
- Double Garage
- Private generous rear Garden

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Walnut Tree Guide £235,000
- Four Bed Detached
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Re-fitted Bathroom
- Dining room
- Front & rear Gardens
- Driveway & Garage

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- Driveway & converted Garage
- Separate Reception rooms
- Ensuite to Master
- Good sized rear Garden

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Stony Stratford **OIRO £230,000**

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- Three/Four Bedroom
- Chalet style Bungalow
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- Re-fitted Bathroom
- Double length Garage & Driveway

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- Close to High St.
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- Re-fitted Bathroom
- Off road parking

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- Over 55's
- Close to the High St.
- Communal Gardens & parking
- Double glazing

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Wolverton **£195,000**

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- Close to High St.
- Re-fitted Kitchen/Diner
- Good sized rear Garden & Driveway

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- Ensuite to Master
- Converted Garage

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Old Stratford **Offers Over £235,000**

- Three Bedroom
- Semi-detached Bungalow
- Garage & Driveway
- Large rear Garden
- No upper chain
- Conservatory

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Potterspury **£169,995**

- Two Bed Bungalow
- Re-fitted Shower room
- Conservatory
- Utility room
- Front & rear Gardens
- Popular Village location

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New Bradwell **Guide £175,175**

- Four Bed Semi-detached
- Converted Garage/Family room
- Ensuite to Master
- Front & rear Gardens
- Driveway
- Double glazing

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Wolverton Mill **Guide £70,000**

- 50% shared ownership
- Two double Bedroom
- Ground floor Apartment
- Allocated parking
- 25ft Lounge/Diner
- Gas central heating

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Hanslope **£350,000**

- Four Bedroom
- Semi-detached
- Character Cottage
- Separate Reception rooms
- Front & rear Gardens
- Off road parking

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Hartwell **£160,000**

- Three Bedroom
- Semi-detached
- Re-fitted Kitchen/Diner
- Conservatory
- Driveway & Garage
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- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking

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Tickford Street **£225,000**

- Three Bedrooms
- Victorian Property
- Popular Location
- Kitchen/Diner
- En-suite
- Rear Garden

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Sherington **O. I.E.O £350,000**

- Living Room
- Kitchen/Diner
- Utility room
- Sun Room
- Study
- Downstairs Bedroom
- Shower Room
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- Two Further Bedrooms
- Grade II Listed
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- Village location

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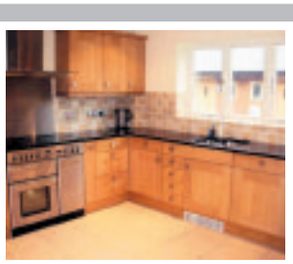

Newport Pagnell **£360,000**

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- Lounge Dining Room
- Kitchen.Breakfast Room
- Utility Room
- Bathroom
- En suite To Bedroom One

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- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- No Upper Chain

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- Detached
- Family Home
- Separate Receptions
- Conservatory
- Garage and Gardens

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Sherington **Guide Price £425,000**

- Four double Bedrooms
- Detached Office
- Ideal To Work From Home
- Three Receptions
- Ensuite to Master
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- First floor Retirement Apartment
- 24 hour emergency careline system
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- Guest suite available

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Bletchley **£150,000**
- Three Bed Semi-detached
- Close to Central Bletchley
- Separate Reception rooms
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Off road parking
- No upper chain

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Bletchley **£165,000**
- Two Bedroom
- Semi-detached
- Close to central Bletchley
- Kitchen/Diner
- Off road parking
- Rear Garden

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Windmill Hill **£300,000**
- Four Bedroom
- Detached
- Separate Receptions
- Ensuite to Master
- Double Garage
- No upper chain

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Bletchley **£365,000**
- Four Bed Detached
- Generous plot
- Two Conservatories
- Re-fitted Kitchen & Utility room
- Ensuite to Master
- Separate Reception rooms

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Bletchley **£185,000**
- Three Bed Semi-detached
- Corner plot
- Double glazing
- Coal Sheds
- Separate Reception rooms
- Gas central heating

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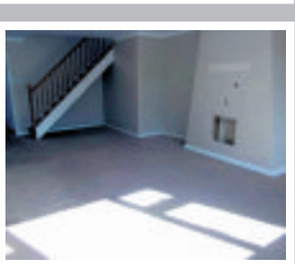

Bletchley **Guide £250,000**
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- Four piece Family Bathroom
- Shower room
- Family room & Study
- Conservatory
- Gardens & off road parking

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- Detached
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- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Double glazing
- Garage

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- One Bedroom
- Cluster Home
- Communal Garden
- No upper chain
- Ideal investment property
- Ideal first time buy

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Bletchley **£99,950**
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- First floor
- Flat
- Double glazing
- Kitchen/Diner
- Rear Garden

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- cieling
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- En-suite to master bedroom
- Allocated parking
- Situated on the edge of Northampton
- Great junction 15A access to the M1

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- Allocated parking space
- Located on the east edge of Milton Keynes
- Excellent school catchment area
- Near Kingston centre

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VILLAGE NEW HOME £176,950
- 3 Bedroom cottage style home
- Spacious open plan living/dining room
- South facing garden
- Double parking to the front
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- 5 Bedroom, 3 bathroom detached new home
- 19'8 Kitchen with patio doors to the garden
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- Glass walled garden room
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- An enclosed terrace
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- Great specification throughout
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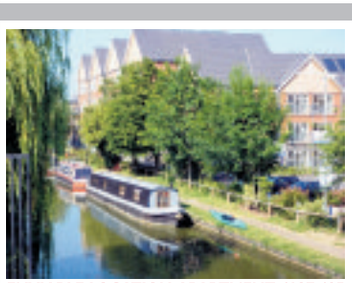

ENVIABLE LOCATION APARTMENT £127,495
- 2 Double bedroom first floor apartment
- Gas to radiator central heating
- En-suite to master
- Balcony with stunning views
- Set on a riverside development
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- Double garage

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FIRST TIME BUY PRICE ONLY £159,960
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- Master bedroom with ensuite
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- Spacious living room
- Juliet balcony
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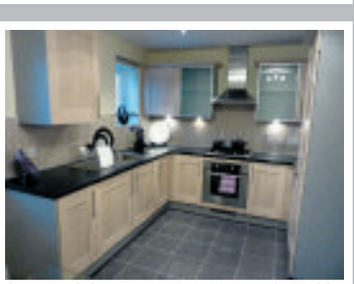

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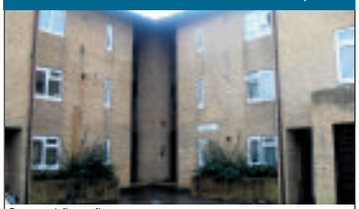

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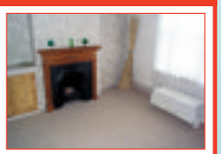

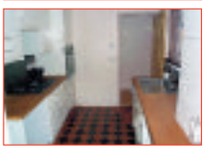

- 3 bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Re-fitted kitchen
- Re-fitted bathroom
- UPVC double glazing
- Gas to radiator heating
- Enclosed rear garden
- Original features
- No upper chain

NO UPPER CHAIN

WOLVERTON £160,000

- 3 bed mid-terrace property
- Re-fitted kitchen with built in appliances
- UPVC double glazing
- Re-fitted bathroom
- Gas to radiator heating via replacement boiler
- Lounge through diner
- One and a half width garage

WOLVERTON £138,000

- 3 bedrooms
- Mid terraced house
- Re-fitted kitchen
- Conservatory
- UPVC double glazed windows (w.s.)
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- Single garage to the rear

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- A three bedroom property which has been completely re-furbished throughout.
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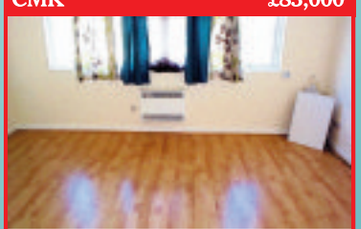
- Brand new Kitchen/breakfast room with appliances
- Two bathrooms
- New UPVC double glazed windows
- New central heating system
- Off road rear parking
- No upper chain

£170,000

CMK £83,000



- Second floor studio flat
- UPVC double glazing
- Laminate flooring
- Separate kitchen
- Shower room
- Residents parking
- No upper chain

WOLVERTON £150,000

- 3 double bedrooms
- Two separate reception rooms
- Downstairs bathroom
- Separate w.c.
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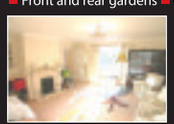

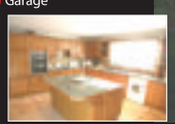

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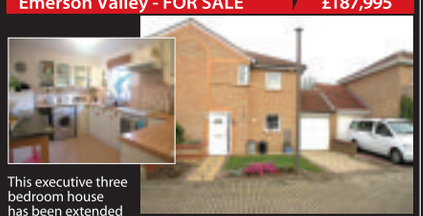

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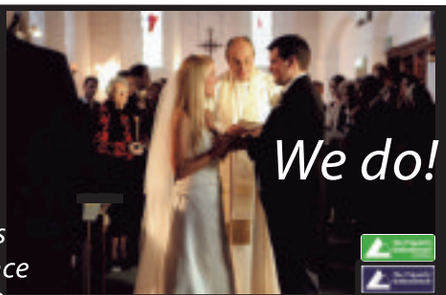

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We are looking for highly motivated, enthusiastic and resourceful individuals to join our existing team. Experience of working in a care setting or with the public is not essential but desirable.

Do you have good communication skills (verbal and written), life experience, leisure skills, a desire in promoting mental health, a positive attitude and an interest in working with people with mental health problems?

If so, we would like to hear from you.

We offer a competitive salary depending on skills and experience, contributory pension scheme, 25 days holiday plus eight Bank Holidays.

For an application form, please contact Reception at Chadwick Lodge, Chadwick Drive, Off Saxon Street, Eaglestone, Milton Keynes, Bucks MK6 5LS, 01908 593000 or Karen Hill, Human Resources Advisor at karenhill@priorygroup.com

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend a Recruitment Open Day on 18 April 2012 for an informal interview.

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Headteacher: Maxine Burrows
Number on roll: 600

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TLR 2A

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Closing date: (9am) Monday 26th March
Interviews: Wednesday 28th March

Newnham Middle School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. The position requires an enhanced criminal records bureau (CRB) disclosure.

Full details of the post and the Bedford Borough application form are on our website on www.newnham.beds.sch.uk – alternatively please contact Pauline Corbyn, Headteacher's PA (pcorbyn@newnham-middle.org.uk)

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All information and application details relating to this vacancy can be found on our website; www.markrutherford.beds.sch.uk on the news/vacancy page.
Closing date: Tuesday 20th March 2012 at midday.
Interview date: W/C 26th March 2012

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment; the successful candidate will be subject to an enhanced CRB check. We welcome applications regardless of age, gender, ethnicity or religion.

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Post 2

Teacher of history required to teach across the age and ability range from Key Stage 3 up to 'A' Level.

One post is a full-time position and the second a temporary, fixed-term contract to cover a maternity leave. There could be some flexibility between these posts in the first instance, although any candidate for the permanent position must be able to offer at least two humanities subjects at Key Stage 3.

ICT TEACHER

An ICT Teacher is required for September 2012 who is able to teach the subject to Key Stage 4 although some 'A' Level teaching could be available to a suitably qualified candidate. We will be phasing in the new Cambridge Nationals specification to replace the existing OCR course.

For either of the above posts, please telephone Lou Ellis (Headteacher's P.A.) at the school for further details and an application form; this information is also on our website www.redborne.com

A laptop computer will be loaned to the successful candidates. The successful applicants will be required to undertake a Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure.

All offers of employment are "conditional" until Criminal Record Bureau and qualification checks have been successfully completed and satisfactory references have been received.

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Closing Date: Tuesday 20th March, 2012

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Closing Date: Wednesday 21st March 2012
Interviews: w/c 26th March 2012

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Care Home Manager
Bedford Charter House

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£37,000 - £40,000 pa

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For further details of all vacancies and how to apply please look on **www.brook.org.uk** closing date for applications is 5pm Monday 26th March.
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We are seeking an experienced Chinese speaking Purchasing Co-ordinator.

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If you are a confident person and have the right qualities to meet this demanding role then please get in contact.

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The role will require you to:-

Develop marketing plans and campaigns to communicate the benefits of our product portfolio, and drive relevant traffic to and through our websites and vertical brands yielding high quality response, visitor registrations and engagement.
Work with our creative agency to develop effective marketing communications and ideas to target all customer groups effectively. Monitor, analyse and report on performance and refine strategies accordingly.
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The ideal candidate:-

You will have approximately 4-6 years previous experience in a marketing manager/senior marketing role and hold a relevant marketing qualification.
Ideally possess experience of working in the media sector and have extensive experience of developing, maintaining and delivering on marketing strategies to meet company objectives.
A strong understanding of digital technology and customer / market dynamics is essential.
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Applications should be sent for the attention of
Janet Smith, Group Commercial Director.
Iliffe News & Media, Park House, Winship Road, Milton, Cambridgeshire, CB24 6PP
Email: janet.smith@iliffenews.co.uk

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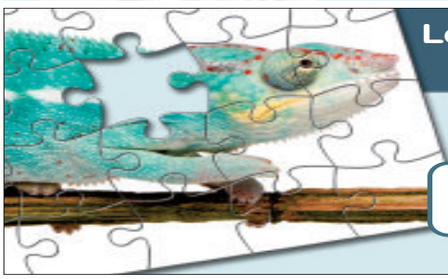

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D.T. – Resistant Materials

If you would like to join our team, please download an application pack at www.waltonhigh.org.uk
Online applications are encouraged.

Alternatively contact Human Resources on 01908 247600 (24 hours).

Closing date: midday on 28 March 2012.

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Interview date: w/c 26th March 2012.

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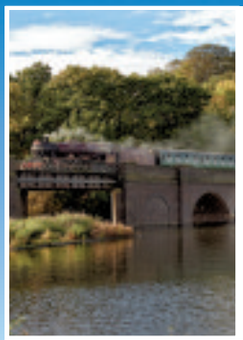

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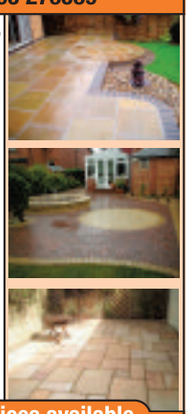
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Milton Keynes Licensing Act 2003
APPLICATION FOR A DESIGNATED PREMISES SUPERVISOR TO BE DISAPPLIED AND TO VARY A PREMISES LICENSE TO PERMIT THE SALE OF ALCOHOL

Notice is hereby given that: an application for a Designated Premises Supervisor to be disapplied and to vary a premises licence to permit the sale of alcohol at York House Centre, London Road, Stony Stratford, MK11 1JQ has been made to Licensing Team, Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes MK9 3HH during the following times: Monday to Sunday 09.00-23.00. Full details of the application can be viewed via The Licensing Register at the Civic Offices of the council. This is accessible Mondays to Thursdays between the hours of 9am and 5pm, and Fridays 9am - 4pm (excluding bank holidays) or online at (www.mkweb.co.uk/licensing).

Any interested party (such as a resident or local business) or responsible authority wishing to make representations either against or in support of the application must do so in writing by 11th April 2012: to the following address:

Licensing Team, Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes MK9 3HH

It is an offence to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine is £5,000 is liable on summary conviction for the offence.

Dated this 14th day of March 2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING
(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE)
(ENGLAND) ORDER 2010
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13

Proposed development at **Bletchley Landfill Site, Bletchley Road, Bletchley.**

I give notice that Crestwood Environmental is applying to Buckinghamshire County Council for planning permission for

Variation of conditions 5 and 14 of planning permission no 10/20007/AWD to amend the approved landscaping scheme and timing of vegetation removal.

Members of the public may inspect copies of:
- the application
- the plans
- the other documents submitted with it

at the offices of Aylesbury Vale District Council, 66 High Street, Aylesbury or at County Hall, Walton Street, Aylesbury during normal office hours until **3rd April 2012.** It is also available to view on http://publicaccess.buckscc.gov.uk/online-applications/

Anyone who wishes to make representations about this submission should write to Planning Development Control, County Hall, Walton Street, Aylesbury HP20 1UY E-mail dcplanning@buckscc.gov.uk or Minicom 18002 01296 387851 quoting reference number **10/20007/AWD** by **3rd April 2012.**

The case officer for this application is **Emily Catcheside,** Tel 01296 383348.

Application for a Bailiff Certificate

Notice is hereby given that Peter Stennett-Green of Clearwater Resources Limited, MK Two Business Centre, Unit R1/B, Barton Road, Water Eaton, Milton Keynes, MK2 3HU has applied to the Judge at Milton Keynes County Court for a Bailiff Certificate.

Any person who knows of a reason why Peter Stennett-Green is not a fit and proper person to be granted a certificate should write to the Court Manager at Milton Keynes County Court, 351 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes, MK9 2DT before 30 April 2012.

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The following applications may be inspected at the Planning, Economy and Development Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes Representations, if any, can be submitted electronically via our public access system at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/publicaccess by email to businesssupportreports@milton-keynes.gov.uk or in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

SECTION 73	**WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
12/00134/MMAM	Minor material amendment to application 11/02128/FUL for revised roof design and height to single storey element at Pine Haven, Watling Street, Little Brickhill.
12/00143/FUL	Installation of new condensing unit to the rear of the property at 25 High Street South, Olney.
12/00163/FUL	Replacement front windows at 71 Stratford Road, Wolverton.
12/00182/FUL	Demolition of existing structure and erection of replacement garden store building at 9 Olney Road, Emberton, Olney.
12/00186/FUL	Demolition of No 11 Newport Rd and erection of 10 new dwellings at land to the rear of 9 Newport Road, Hanslope.
12/00259/FUL	Erection a part two storey and part single storey side extension and associated external works (re-submission of 11/02515/FUL) at Sutcliff Baptist Church, Market Place, Olney.
12/00404/ADV	Advertisement consent to display 2 fascia signs and 3 internally applied vinyl signs at High Street,Woburn Sands.
12/00450/CON	Conservation area consent to demolish a 5.9 metre section of boundary wall facing Downham Road at 5 High Street, Woburn Sands.
	AFFECTING THE SETTING OF A CONSERVATION AREA
12/00389/FUL	External works to existing elevations, including alterations to shop front at 5 High Street, Woburn Sands.
SECTION 67 & 73	**LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
12/00200/LBC	Listed building consent for the erection of illuminated and non illuminated signs to the exterior of the building at Bull Hotel, 64 High Street, Stony Stratford.
	AFFECTING THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA
12/00198/FUL	Demolition of a number of outbuildings/garage, to be replaced with a new garden room and garage at Nurses Cottage, 10-11 Walton Road, Milton Keynes Village.
SECTION 67	**LISTED BUILDING**
12/00168/FUL	Demolition of existing rear extension and construction of a new extension with some alterations to the existing building at York House, Youth Centre, London Road, Stony Stratford.
12/00169/LBC	Listed building consent for the demolition of existing rear extension and construction of a new extension with some alterations to the existing building at York House, Youth Centre, London Road, Stony Stratford.
	AFFECTING THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING
12/00274/FUL	Installation of 7 photo-voltaic solar panels to roof of existing outbuilding to rear at The Firs, 187 Simpson, Simpson.
12/00438/FUL	Following the receipt of planning approvals 11/02780/FUL & 11/02596/FUL the approved building is to be repositioned to avoid existing services and new wood shelter added at Foreign And Commonwealth Office, Hanslope Park, Hanslope Park Road, Hanslope.

Nick Fenwick
Assistant Director Planning, Economy and Development

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(REDWAY (PART) ADJACENT TO THE H6 CHILDS WAY, WOOLSTONE) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2011

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that due to unforeseen circumstances, the excavation works on the redway to investigate a leaking water main have not been completed within the timescale originally envisaged and therefore the restrictions brought into effect under the provisions of the above Order made by the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes, on the 30th November 2011, under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 will be extended beyond the dates previously notified.

TAKE NOTICE that it is now intended to continue to temporarily prohibit all access along that length of redway that runs alongside the south east side of the H6 Childs Way, adjacent to Woolstone. The closure will start from the H6 Childs Way bus stop situated west of Pattison Lane, Woolstone continuing in a westerly direction to the south-western side of the Grand Union canal bridge in Springfield. The extended temporary closure dates will recommence from Monday 19th March 2012 until Monday 30th April 2012, inclusive.

All other provisions of the Order remain as previously notified on 30th November 2011.

14th March 2012
Philip McCourt
Assistant Director – Law & Governance

APPLICATION TO LICENCE PREMISES FOR CIVIL CEREMONIES
Notice is given that the following application has been received for a Licence for the use of premises listed below for civil ceremonies.

A copy of the application and covering plans will be available for inspection at The Register Office Bracknell House Aylesbury Street Bletchley Milton Keynes on weekdays between 9.30am and 4.30pm from Monday 19th March 2012 until Tuesday 10th April 2012.

Anyone wishing to object to this application should write to the Proper Officer for Registration Civic Offices 1 Saxon Gate East Central Milton Keynes stating their objections by Wednesday 11th April.

Paul J Sanders
Proper Officer for Registration
Name and Address of Applicant
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COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF REORGANISATION ORDER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes ("the Council"), in accordance with section 81 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 ("the 2007 Act") has undertaken a Community Governance Review of part of its local authority area pursuant to Part 4, Chapter 3 of the 2007 Act. Resolutions were made at a meeting of the Council held on 8 November 2011 and the Reorganisation Order putting these resolutions into effect has now been published.

The Order which comes into effect from 1 April 2012, together with maps to which the recommendations refer have been placed on deposit, for public inspection at Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ. Interested persons may inspect the order and the maps at the said address, between 9.00am and 5pm Monday to Friday inclusive. Please contact Pamela Loose in Democratic Services on telephone 01908 252529.

Dated: 21 March 2012
John Moffoot
Assistant Director of Democratic Services

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (VARIOUS ROADS WITHIN MILTON KEYNES AND SURROUNDING AREAS)
(PROHIBITION OF STOPPING OUTSIDE SCHOOLS) ORDER 2008) VARIATION ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 14 March 2012 made an Order under Sections 1(1), 2(1) and (2) and 4(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 and of all other enabling powers. The Order, which comes into effect on 15 March 2012, has the effect of prohibiting all vehicles from stopping between the hours of 8.00 am and 6.00 pm Monday to Friday outside the following schools in Milton Keynes:-

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All classes of vehicle are affected by the Order. Exemptions include emergency service vehicles and military vehicles, school vehicles and community transport vehicles, statutory undertakers, building, demolition and excavation and disabled persons' badge holders.

A copy of the Order, maps showing the affected roads and the Council's Statement of Reasons for proposing the Order may be viewed at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm on any working day and at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes; Westcroft Library, 17-18 Barnsdale Drive; Bletchley Library, Westfield Road; and Kingston Library, Kingston Community Centre, 11 Winchester Circle, during normal opening hours.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any provision contained in the Order on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act, or on the grounds that any requirement of the Act or any Instrument made under the Act has not been complied with may, within six weeks from the date on which the Order was made, apply to the High Court for that purpose.

14 March 2012
Philip McCourt
Assistant Director – Law & Governance
1 Saxon Gate East, Civic Offices, Central Milton Keynes

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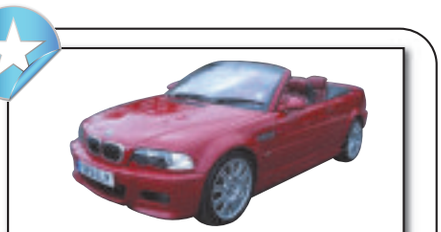

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MK Dons assistant boss JOHN GORMAN writes exclusively for MK NEWS every week

Dons can do even better says Robbo

I'M DELIGHTED that the club got some recognition by being named as the community club of the year for the south east at the Football League Awards.

Going out into the community is a very big thing for us.

John Cove deserves a great deal of credit for the work he does with the Sport and Education Trust and so does Paul Heald who helps co-ordinate it for the players and coaching staff.

There's so much work that goes on and everybody involved deserves a special mention as they are never off your case.

They are always saying 'can you do this, can you do that' so it is nice to have seen the club rewarded.

The only place I have seen so much go on was when I was in America when community work was so essential it was part of the contract.

It's important that players get out and about and for me it's something which should always be done.

I've always believed in it and when I've been manager at teams like Wycombe we've done the same as I just felt that it was so important – especially helping charity causes.

On Saturday Exeter didn't pack the right kit so we had to wear the black away kit – as we won I hope we can wear it every week.

It was one of those things which shouldn't have happened but it's not the end of the world and it worked out in our favour.

We look good in black and we won comfortably, perhaps they couldn't see us because of the black seats.

It's nice to look at our record of only two defeats at home as it means we are up there with the best, there's something great about our stadium.

In fact we've still got one more home game to play than every other team which is in our favour, so that's a fairly good chance of another three points.

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LEAGUE ONE TABLE

		Home					Away						
	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Charlton	36	10	6	2	35	17	13	3	2	31	12	37	78
2	Sheffield Utd	35	13	2	3	42	21	8	3	6	24	16	29	68
3	Sheffield Wed	36	13	3	2	37	16	7	4	7	25	26	20	67
4	Huddersfield	35	11	6	2	31	17	5	10	1	36	20	30	64
5	DONS	35	9	6	2	35	16	8	5	5	31	21	29	62
6	Notts County	36	10	5	2	29	16	6	3	10	26	31	8	56
7	Carlisle	34	10	5	3	35	27	5	5	6	17	27	-2	55
8	Stevenage	33	6	6	3	25	18	7	6	5	24	15	16	51
9	Colchester	34	7	6	4	29	26	5	6	6	18	20	1	48
10	Brentford	34	7	5	6	28	22	5	6	5	18	19	5	47
11	Hartlepool	36	5	4	8	18	17	7	6	6	24	28	-3	46
12	Bournemouth	35	6	2	9	17	21	6	6	6	21	22	-5	44
13	Oldham	33	7	4	7	22	22	4	5	6	19	28	-9	42
14	Preston	34	6	6	6	24	28	5	3	8	19	25	-10	42
15	Yeovil Town	35	7	2	8	24	28	4	7	7	22	29	-11	42
16	Bury	36	5	6	6	23	27	6	2	11	24	38	-18	41
17	Leyton Orient	34	4	5	8	16	24	6	5	6	21	27	-14	40
18	Scunthorpe	35	4	7	7	25	28	4	8	5	20	21	-4	39
19	Tranmere	35	6	9	3	18	13	3	2	12	16	27	-6	38
20	Walsall	35	5	7	6	19	21	2	9	6	15	18	-5	37
21	Exeter City	36	6	6	5	19	19	2	4	13	12	36	-24	34
22	Wycombe	36	7	3	9	30	30	2	3	12	19	39	-20	33
23	Chesterfield	36	5	5	7	16	22	2	6	11	23	37	-20	32
24	Rochdale	36	4	7	6	18	23	2	6	11	14	33	-24	31

Not including last night's matches.

DONS 3 EXETER 0

Jay O'Shea was a lively presence against Exeter.

KARL Robinson delivered a chilling warning to Dons' promotion rivals after the Grecians were swept aside – telling them that his side were below their best.

Mathias Doumbe's deflected effort and goals from Charlie MacDonald and Jabo Ibehre made sure that last Tuesday's frustrating defeat to Yeovil was put to bed against their west country neighbours.

It was an exceptionally comfortable display but Robinson, as usual, is looking for more from his squad as the race for promotion really begins to heat up.

Robinson said: "I still think that we were not at our top gear, that wasn't us at our best.

"But we were still good enough to get a 3-0 victory and we could have had a few more as well."

Doumbe's first half opener might have gone down as an own-goal after the Frenchman's strike caught a huge deflection off a visiting leg before looping into the net.

Any goal from a defender is always a welcome boost but the next two scorers would have lifted spirits in stadiummk more.

Forwards MacDonald and Ibehre have both had to wait a while since their last strikes and now they have rediscovered their shooting boots the hope will be that the goals will keep flowing during the run-in.

MacDonald, the club's second leading goalscorer, hadn't found the net this year as his last goal was during the New Year's Eve trip to Brentford.

The poacher stabbed home from close range following an excellent give-and-go by the increasingly impressive Alan Smith.

Ibehre's wait went back to the 2-0 win over Tranmere on December 10 but he showed great composure to slide a finish past Exeter keeper Artur Krysiak when clean through.

"I am over the moon for Charlie, he celebrated like he'd won the World Cup," Robinson said.

"It just shows you what it means to him. He believes in what we're trying to do at the club which means it hurts him a little bit more when things don't go his way.

"Charlie puts his body on the line every single week and he keeps putting himself in the positions to score goals.

"He had an element of luck to it but he'll take that and go from strength to strength.

"Our two forwards have scored today and I think that players coming on and being able to score is something that has improved us.

"Jabo took his goal fantastically well, he looked ruthless and I like that about him.

"When he realises his full potential he will be a massive must for us towards the end of the season – he's a fans favourite because he is a wonderful guy who gives us everything he has.

"I don't think there's one player who doesn't put a shift in."

The return of midfielder Darren Potter – who has been suffering with illness – was a further plus for Dons as Stephen Gleeson began his three game suspension for his sending off against Yeovil.

Also notable was the performance of winger Jay O'Shea, who arguably put in his best performance in Dons colours.

The Irishman struggled for regular games early in the season but he has taken advantage of a recent run of starts by catching Robinson's eye, who says is now 'making a name for himself.'

Leading scorer Dean Bowditch who has been named League One's player-of-the month after a productive February, forced Krysiak into a strong save with less than a minute on the clock.

Dons were forced to wear their black away shirts after an Exeter mishap saw the Grecians only pack their red and white home kit.

The Devon outfit had to wear Dons shorts after the shambolic mistake but it failed to knock Dons from their stride.

Luck wasn't on their side when Yeovil executed their 1-0 smash and grab raid but Dons have proven that if you continue to put in strong performances the rewards will come.

They remain six points away from the coveted automatic promotion spot with current holders Sheffield United still to play at home.

Charlie MacDonald scored his first goal of the year

MacKenzie forced to wait for chance

GARY MacKenzie could face a lengthy wait in the Dons dog-house before his next first-team opportunity.

The centre-back has failed to even make the bench for the last two games against Yeovil and Exeter after returning from a four-match suspension for violent conduct.

That was picked up for a headbutt on Charlton's Yann Kermorgant a month ago and the Scot looks to be paying the ultimate price for that needless moment of madness.

His absence has led to chances for young prospect Tom Flanagan among others and manager Karl Robinson has been impressed with those filling in.

Shaun Williams, who alternates between midfield and the centre of defence, was named man-of-the-match against Exeter after a fine display at the back which included one superb piece of individual defending.

MacKenzie is known for commanding rearguard performances – he received a Scotland call-up this season – but his temper is clearly something which needs to be controlled.

He was also sent off for a headbutt against Huddersfield in September.

When asked by MK SPORT if MacKenzie was unfit or simply not in the squad, Robinson said he 'could have been fit if we wanted him to'.

"A number of players have done so well at the club that he needs to wait for his chance again," he said.

"Gary's been in the Scotland squad this year so we know how strong he is.

"But Tom Flanagan has been excellent at centre-half so it's going to be difficult to dislodge that."

Spireite strugglers a tough proposition

DONS will be taking nothing for granted when they travel to relegation threatened Chesterfield on Saturday.

John Sheridan's Spireites are adrift in the bottom four but they have shown signs of recovery and are unbeaten in their last three games.

Sheffield Wednesday were beaten at their new B2net Stadium last month so Dons know it won't simply be a case of turning up and taking home the win.

Dons won 6-2 in the first game at stadiummk earlier in the season – one of their most memorable victories of the campaign to date.

Sam Baldock hit an excellent hat-trick in one of his last major acts for the club.

"That was one of those games when it all went right for us," assistant manager John Gorman said.

"But looking back it took us a long time to wear them down, we got our goals at the very end of the game.

"I think they have come on a lot since then, they had a great run for a while, and we certainly won't be underestimating them.

"Everyone is capable of dropping points, we didn't expect Charlton to lose to Colchester and Notts County.

"There's not a team in this league that will give up, it's going to be tight for the teams at the bottom and the top.

Dons have a fine record away from stadiummk and enjoy playing when the opposition have a go and leave space to exploit.

James Tavernier will certainly miss the trip as the on-loan Newcastle right-back has returned to his parent club for treatment on an injury.

Stephen Gleeson will serve the second game of his two match ban but Dons have no other major concerns.

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TOURING CARS

JAMES Nash made a frustrating start to life in the World Touring Cars Championship after being caught up in a multi-car crash on the very first corner.

The Newport Pagnell driver – racing for Team Aon – was making his global bow in the Race of Italy at Monza but his Ford Focus suffered extensive damage after the pile-up.

He managed to limp around to finish race one in 16th position and after the team repaired the car the best they could, he was 13th in race two.

Nash – who started both races from 14th on the grid – was pleased to finish twice on debut but a top-ten finish is required to score points.

He said: "There wasn't much I could have done to avoid becoming involved in the race one first corner crash which was unfortunate.

"Despite the fantastic work of the team to get as much of the damage repaired as possible within the 15 minutes allowed, we had other damage we couldn't repair in time.

"Consequently, the handling wasn't quite right and I wasn't able to offer a challenge in race two."

Nash is confident that when the car is up to pace it won't be too far off the speeds of the leaders.

The season continues in Spain in three weeks.

GOLF

CHARLEY Hull has moved up two places to sixth in the Women's World Amateur Golf Rankings after helping England clinch the Nations Cup at the Spanish amateur championship last week.

The Woburn GC 15-year-old, who is also the English number one, was part of the three-player team alongside Holly Clyburn and Meghan MacLaren.

Her rounds of 68 and 69 in the strokeplay qualifiers helped England total a six under score of 278.

That was enough to see them beat France A by one stroke, while Hull's own five under par total saw her enter the matchplay competition.

However, after a 5&3 win over Sweden's Jessica Vasilic, Hull exited in the last 16 of the tournament following a 3&1 defeat to Emily Pentilla of Finland.

HORSE RACING

A HORSE trained in Newport Pagnell is hoping to make an impact at the Cheltenham Festival today.

Four-year-old Colebrooke, co-owned by bloodstock and syndicate manager Nick Brown, goes in the Fred Winter Handicap Hurdle.

The horse, likely to be ridden by Brendan Powell Jnr, won by four lengths at Fontwell last year and also triumphed in the 32Red Poker Juvenile Hurdle at Sandown in January.

Mr Brown was also involved with another horse of local interest – Olney Lad – who was a €100,000 Punchestown Festival winner back in 2006.

SWIMMING

CITY of Milton Keynes swimmers had another excellent weekend at the Oxon and North Bucks County Championships.

They won six of the eight relay titles on offer and Joss Ulyett, Charlotte Evans, Rebecca Marshall, Matt Masters, Rory Dougall and Courtney Dos Santos were crowned as new county champions.

There were age group individual winners in the shape of Sydney Wood, Helen Odams, Jason Ashley, Oliver Lines, Tom Flaherty, Sorcha Smith, Emma Joyce, Aaron Lee and Isobel Jones and county records for the female 4x100m medley team and the 4x50m freestyle teams.

Two CMK swimmers also gained their first ever national qualifying times.

Ryan Anscomb (100 BK) and Oliver Lines (100FL and 200FL) will be going to the national age group championships in Sheffield this July – meaning that ten club members have now qualified.

ROWING

MK ROWING Club's Ladies Eight IM2 crew were the second fastest club boat from the eastern region to finish at the Women's Eights Head of the River Race on the Thames tideway.

The team powered past six crews on the 6.8km boat race course from Matlock to Putney Bridge with cox Andrea Grossey steering a steady mid-stream course while blades clashed along the way.

They came 76th overall, knocking 122 places off their position last year.

BADMINTON

IT'S been a big week for the city's National Badminton Centre – with many stars competing in the prestigious All England Open. For a recap visit www.mk-news.co.uk/sport.

BASKETBALL

Lions bite back in a black-out

Lions 81 Mersey Tigers 78

LIONS recorded their most important league victory of the season on Sunday and once again put their fans through every emotion imaginable.

Mike New's side are clinging onto the last play-off spot in the BBL table so could not afford to lose to the Tigers, one of the teams on their tails.

Home supporters knew the importance of the match and organised 'black-out Sunday' – when every fan was encouraged to wear black – as a way of showing their support to the players.

But the game seemed to be slipping away from Lions when Mersey opened up a 22-point lead to present Lions with an uphill task.

New's charges had lost their last seven games in all competitions but they superbly managed to battle back to claim victory when it really mattered.

The Tigers enjoyed a 14-4 burst in the first quarter to seize the initiative and after taking a 51-38 lead into half-time there was no sign of Lions restricting them to just 27 second half points.

But an excellent defensive effort began to pay dividends as Lions started to eat away at the lead in the third quarter, reducing the gap to just seven heading into the final action.

Daniel Northern's shot blocking and the aggressive rebounding of Adrien Sturt, along with ten points from Demarius Bolds down the stretch, helped the Lions reduce the gap to just a single point at 78-77 with 7.5 seconds remaining.

Demarius Bolds on the prowl as the Tigers are tamed
Pic: F1 Point Zero

An unsportsmanlike foul called on Tigers man Devan Bailey sent Bolds to the line and he held his nerve to send the home side into a 79-78 lead.

Tigers had to foul on the ensuing inbound and Stefan Gill sunk both of his bonus shots which sealed the most priceless of wins.

New told MK SPORT that he was delighted his players had 'got the monkey off their back' by ending their losing streak.

He said: "I wasn't happy with the way we came out, the players knew what was at stake and maybe they were anxious.

"We dug a hole but had to fight back from it, Rob Youngblood gave us a big defensive boost and by the end of the third we had already cut the gap so we just asked for more of the same.

"The black-out was a sign of unity, our fans were a key factor."

ICE HOCKEY

Jamieson relishes Britain chance

Lightning 6 Bracknell Bees 4
P'boro Phantoms 2 Lightning 3

IT'S been a good few days for MK Lightning.

The city side claimed two victories this weekend and MK born skater Leigh Jamieson has received international recognition from Great Britain.

He has been selected for the preliminary squad for the up coming World Championships and is one of only four English Premier League (EPL) players to make the 35-man party.

Previously he has represented his country at U18 and U20 levels, as well as the seniors during his time in the higher level Elite League.

This season he is the top scoring British player in the EPL – scoring 33 times since moving from Lightning's defence to attack at the start of the season.

"It's always a fantastic opportunity to represent your country and I am really happy to have made the preliminary squad," Jamieson, *pictured*, said.

"There are some great players in the squad and it's going to be really competitive to make the final team, but I'll do my best at training camp to try and make the squad that goes to Slovenia."

Player-coach Nick Poole added: "I'm thrilled for Jaimo and this selection is very well deserved.

"He has been a pivotal player for us offensively and has added strength and aggression to our forward lines.

"He's a great lad – I know that everyone involved with hockey in Milton Keynes is extremely proud of him, and we wish him the best of luck at the selection camp."

Lightning needed to recover from 2-0 down against Bracknell on Saturday, but they did so in style with five second period goals to make the points safe.

Peterborough were dispatched on penalty shots following a 2-2 draw – with Lightning net minder Alex Mettam saving all three Phantoms attempts.

There is now a busy schedule for Lightning with a trip to Swindon Wildcats on Friday, a home clash with Guildford Flames on Saturday and a trip to Telford Tigers on Sunday.

For more on this weekend's action and a preview of what's coming up, visit www.mk-news.co.uk/sport.

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RUGBY UNION

Milton Keynes 57 Grove 18

CITY recorded a thumping win over near-rivals Grove to maintain their promotion ambitions

MK's tackling was the best it has been all season and their pack was dominant in a performance which included eight tries and a penalty try.

Scott Aspinall and Dan Rolfe grabbed a pair of tries apiece and Rob Lasbrey, Rob Matthews, Myles Donnelly and Darren Brodrick also went over.

City sit five points behind leaders Beaconsfield in second – a spot which would earn them a Southern Counties North promotion play-off berth.

Next-up is a massive game away at Windsor who are hot on MK's heels in third, just one point behind having played a game less.

Bletchley 26 Coney Hill 0

BLETCHLEY bounced back from two consecutive league defeats by not allowing high-flying Coney Hill to get on the scoreboard.

Failure to secure a win this week would have meant the Manor Field side would be caught up in a potential dog fight to avoid relegation but tries before half-time from Dagan Probert and Adam Griffiths set them on their way. Will Garrett went over in the second half before Phil Harman capitalised on a mistake for a bonus point try.

Olney 12 Reading 24

BOTTOM of the table Olney made things difficult for themselves by conceding two tries in the first quarter of an hour against Reading.

George Stanton burst through the visiting defence to bring the score back to 14-5 but a third Reading try gave the Berkshire club a healthy half-time lead. A Chris Duck try gave Olney hope but it was Reading who completed the scoring.

There was more luck for Olney last Tuesday when they beat touring Argentinian side Pucara 37-12.

LOCAL FOOTBALL

GOALS from John Thorpe and Darren Dykes gave Newport Pagnell Town a 2-1 away victory over Sleaford in the UCL Premier, while in Division One there was a big 6-1 win for Olney over Rothwell.

In the South Midlands League Division One Stony Stratford went down 2-0 to Cockfosters and New Bradwell drew 2-2 against Crawley Green.

With leaders Willen not playing in the MK Sunday League Premier Division, Stony Stratford cut the gap at the top to four points with a 9-1 hammering of Padbury AFC, while Trade2U kept up their fine run with a 4-3 win against CS Athletic.

In Division One there is still no separating Olney and AFC Santander who recorded 3-1 and 5-2 victories over New City Saints and Punjab United respectively to remain level on points at the top.

HOCKEY

TASTER sessions for 'Rush Hockey' will be starting at Woughton on the Green from tomorrow.

The game, which is four or five aside and takes place on smaller pitches, can be tried on the next three Thursdays between 7 and 8pm.

For more information visit www.mkhockey.co.uk.

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THREE AND EASY: Jabo Ibehre sealed a comfortable win for Dons against Exeter. More on page 82. Picture: Andy Handley.

No need for 'panic' signings

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THE Dons squad is in such good shape that there may be no need to bolster the ranks for the business end of the season – according to assistant boss John Gorman.

Karl Robinson's promotion chasers have one of the smallest squads in the league and the manager has hinted that emergency loans could be used to bring in reinforcements.

Injuries and suspensions meant that Dons could only name a four man bench at Hartlepool but Gorman believes the club has all the resources it needs when everybody is available to play.

And he said that a smaller squad actually seemed to suit Dons better.

"The tighter the squad we have, the better we seem to play," he said.

"Sometimes the bigger you are, the more problems you seem to have.

"You can panic and go out and get a loan to please the public, but at the moment things are going well and even though it's nice to get an extra body in it can disrupt things."

Gorman believes that despite the small squad there is still competition for places across the pitch. And as players have been making the most of their opportunities when given chances in the side, it could be seen as unfair to introduce someone new before the emergency loan window closes on March 22.

He said: "You keep thinking about it but when James Tavernier was injured we played Adam Chicksen who did great and then Mathias Doumbe who did great. We've got players here.

"We're going along nicely and giving the young players a chance, Tom Flanagan has put in outstanding performances and continues to improve in every game he gets and he'll be a great player for this club in the future.

"Shaun Williams has shown he can play just as well in midfield or at the back and young George Williams is another player we've brought in.

"Getting another player makes everyone think you are really going for it.

"But we've got through our sticky patch when we couldn't put out a bench against Hartlepool.

"When everybody is fit there is good competition for places."

Slane here to help promotion dream

PAUL Slane was fully aware of Dons even when he was playing football in his native Scotland.

The 20-year-old winger – on loan at stadiummk from SPL giants Celtic – had heard positive things about the club's passing prowess. It meant that he had no reservations about making the journey south to join Dons' promotion challenge.

"All I knew was that MK Dons played really good football, I'd heard that on the telly," Slane told MK SPORT.

"That really interested me as you don't want to be going somewhere where they are just looping the ball up in the air.

"I think that was the main factor that made me want to come here ahead of anywhere else."

Slane completed his switch on transfer deadline day in January after a conversation between Dons boss Karl Robinson and Celtic manager Neil Lennon – who are friends.

The Scot spent the first weeks of his loan at Celtic recovering from injury but has now been at Dons for three weeks.

After three appearances from the bench he is hoping to make a more lasting impact during the promotion run-in.

"It's a great opportunity for me to come here, try and get in the team and play every week," he said.

"Obviously I'm not going to say I'm going to play as there are players here already and I need to work as hard as I can to try and get in.

"There's not a big difference to the SPL so it's been easy to get settled."

Slane signed for Celtic from Motherwell over two-years ago but his career has been plagued by injuries since then.

He said: "It's been injury after injury, and at times it's been hard to cope with.

"But you can't feel sorry for yourself as it's part of the game."

Robinson highlighted Slane's 'pure pace' when bringing him to the club but the player thinks that there's more to his game than simply speed.

"I'm quick but I don't want to be known as just a fast player, I like to take on players and create chances," he said.

"There's a buzz at the club, we'll take each game as it comes, keep fighting and hopefully we'll get to the Championship."

Greener Waste Solutions for Milton Keynes

Waste will be pre-treated to recover valuable resources prior to generating renewable energy.

Milton Keynes Council is intending to build a Residual Waste Treatment Facility to dispose of "black sack" waste to landfill is set to increase significantly in the foreseeable future. Landfill taxes are increasing year on year in an effort to drive waste away from landfill to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Added to this, landfill capacity is simply running out nationwide, making it essential to find an alternative solution.

Milton Keynes Council is currently seeking a private sector partner to provide a solution for treating residual household waste. It is expected that the new facilities in Dickens Road, Old Wolverton, will divert waste that cannot be re-used, recycled or composted away from environmentally damaging and increasingly expensive landfill sites and generate renewable energy.

The council has a "no mass burn incineration" policy which requires that waste is pre-treated to recover valuable resources prior to generating renewable energy. In addition the facility will be sized appropriately to meet the needs of Milton Keynes, including housing growth and local commercial waste, but will not result in Milton Keynes becoming an importer of waste from outside of a 30-mile area.

The procurement process in total will last two years, during which a series of discussions will be held with interested contractors using the competitive dialogue process. A preferred bidder will then be selected, with the contract expected to be awarded in February 2013. The new facility is expected to take three years to construct and be in full operation by April 2016.

Benefits of the project

- Providing a long-term, flexible and sustainable option for managing residual waste in Milton Keynes for the next 25 - 30 years
- Saving the council and tax payer's money
- Increased recycling through pre-treatment of waste
- Eliminating reliance on landfill Reducing greenhouse gas emissions that cause climate change
- Avoiding rising landfill tax
- Producing green renewable energy and providing energy security
- Co-location with the MRF and a new depot for the collections and cleansing contract will save money in collection costs and lower carbon footprint from vehicle mileage
- Generating income from local commercial or other nearby local authorities by treating their waste
- Providing a state-of-the art facility with visitor and education centres
- Creation of 30 – 40 new jobs during operations with the potential for 'up-skilling' and apprenticeships
- Creation of up to 150 jobs during construction phase

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If you would like to find out more about the project visit:
www.milton keynes.gov.uk/residualwaste or you can email the project directly with any questions or comments that you may have: residualwasteproject@milton-keynes.gov.uk.

Environmental Services Depot – lowering our carbon footprint

Milton Keynes Council is currently out to tender for the design and build of a new Environmental Services Depot, providing vehicle parking for the refuse and street cleansing vehicles. The new depot is to be built adjacent to the Materials Recycling Facility in Colts Holm Road, Old Wolverton, replacing the current Home Farm Depot in Sherwood Drive, Bletchley, which has exceeded capacity.

Re-locating the depot next to the MRF will save on fuel costs as all refuse collection vehicles currently visit the MRF, adding little to the amount of traffic to the area – the food and garden waste collection vehicles deliver the batteries they collect, while the refuse vehicles tip the pink sacks and glass.

Once the Residual Waste Treatment Facility becomes operational, expected to be in April 2016, all refuse vehicles will end their journey in Old Wolverton, depositing both black sacks and recycling in the same area, avoiding the need to cross Milton Keynes and deliver black sack waste to the landfill site in Bletchley. This will not only save on costs, but will also lower our carbon footprint, dramatically reducing vehicle mileage.

Our refuse collection and street cleansing contractor Serco will be based at the new depot which will provide vehicle maintenance and will house vehicles overnight.

Construction of the new depot is expected to begin in October this year, subject to planning permission being granted, with the new facility completed and operational by July next year.

Refuse and street cleansing vehicles will be parked at the new depot overnight.

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MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL

Changes to your refuse collections over Easter, Spring and Diamond Jubilee Bank Holidays

Recycling and refuse collections will take place as normal up to and including **Thursday, 5th April.** During the following weeks, the service will be affected as detailed below – please make a note of the date changes and put your refuse and recycling out on your property boundary by 7am on your revised collection days.

Normal collection day	Revised collection day
Easter Bank Holiday Week	
Friday 6th April	**Saturday 7th April**
Monday 9th April	**Tuesday 10th April**
Tuesday 10th April	**Wednesday 11th April**
Wednesday 11th April	**Thursday 12th April**
Thursday 12th April	**Friday 13th April**
Friday 13th April	**Saturday 14th April**

Normal collections resume on **Monday, 16th April until Monday, 7th May**

Normal collection day	Revised collection day
May Day Bank Holiday Week	
Monday 7th May	**Tuesday 8th May**
Tuesday 8th May	**Wednesday 9th May**
Wednesday 9th May	**Thursday 10th May**
Thursday 10th May	**Friday 11th May**
Friday 11th May	**Saturday 12th May**

Normal collections resume on **Monday, 14th May until Monday 4th June**

Normal collection day	Revised collection day
Spring & Diamond Jubilee Bank Holiday Week	
Monday 4th June	**Tuesday 5th June**
Tuesday 5th June	**Wednesday 6th June**
Wednesday 6th June	**Thursday 7th June**
Thursday 7th June	**Friday 8th June**
Friday 8th June	**Saturday 9th June**

Normal collections resume on **Monday, 11th June.**

In the unlikely event of unforeseen circumstances which may affect collections, please visit our **website: www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/recycling** and click on Service Updates for the most up-to-date refuse collection information.

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Find out what happens to your recycling

Milton Keynes residents are invited to join a free public tour of the council's state-of-the-art Materials Recycling Facility (MRF), which take place once a month, to see what happens to all the recycling in the pink sacks and blue boxes.

Where: Milton Keynes Materials Recycling Facility (MRF)
Colts Holm Road
Old Wolverton
MK12 5QD

When: First Wednesday of every month
6pm – 7pm

How: Please call to reserve your place.
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E: wasteeducation@milton-keynes.gov.uk
W: www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/recycling-tours

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Stay ahead of changes to refuse collection with free text alerts or emails

Make sure you are kept informed about any disruption that may occur to your refuse and recycling service by signing up to Milton Keynes Council's free message alerts via email and text direct to your mobile phone.

Simply put in your details on our website: **www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/recyclingsignup** and we will let you know if there are any problems affecting your service such as bad weather or vehicle breakdown and we will of course remind you of date changes.
If you don't have access to a computer, go along to any of our libraries where you can log on and sign up. Alternatively call the Environmental Services Contact Centre on 01908 252570 and they will fill in the form for you.

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